

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS:

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Prayers and Devotional Exercises.

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Infant Baptism.

Take common water, pour it on the head or face of the child, and whilst you are pouring it, say,

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Table of Movable Feasts.

Year of our Lord.	Ash Wed- nesday.	Easter Sunday.	Ascension.	Corpus Christi.	First Sunday of Advent.
1890	Feb. 19	Apr. 6	May 15	June 5	Nov. 30
1891	Feb. 11	Mar. 29	May 7	May 28	Nov. 29
1892	Mar. 2	Apr. 17	May 26	June 16	Nov. 27
1893	Feb. 15	Apr. 2	May 11	June 1	Dec. 3
1894	Feb. 7	Mar. 25	May 3	May 24	Dec. 2
1895	Feb. 27	Apr. 14	May 23	June 13	Dec. 1
1896	Feb. 19	Apr. 5	May 14	June 4	Nov. 29
1897	Mar. 3	Apr. 18	May 27	June 17	Nov. 28
1898	Feb. 23	Apr. 10	May 19	June 9	Nov. 27
1899	Feb. 15	Apr. 2	May 11	June 1	Dec. 3
1900	Feb. 28	Apr. 15	May 24	June 14	Dec. 2
1901	Feb. 20	Apr. 7	May 16	June 6	Dec. 1
1902	Feb. 12	Mar. 30	May 8	May 29	Nov. 30
1903	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	June 11	Nov. 29
1904	Feb. 17	Apr. 3	May 12	June 2	Nov. 27
1905	Mar. 8	Apr. 23	June 1	June 22	Dec. 3
1906	Feb. 28	Apr. 15	May 24	June 14	Dec. 2
1907	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 30	Dec. 1
1908	Mar. 4	Apr. 19	May 28	June 18	Nov. 29
1909	Feb. 24	Apr. 11	May 20	June 10	Nov. 28
1910	Feb. 9	Mar. 27	May 5	May 26	Nov. 27
1911	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 15	Dec. 3
1912	Feb. 21	Apr. 7	May 16	June 6	Dec. 1
1913	Feb. 5	Mar. 23	May 1	May 22	Nov. 30
1914	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	June 11	Nov. 29
1915	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	June 3	Nov. 28

Table of Feasts and Fasts.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION.

All Sundays.	The Feast of All
The Circumcision, January 1.	Saints, November 1.
The Ascension.	The Immaculate Con- ception, Dec 8.
The Assumption, Au- gust 15.	The Nativity of our Lord, Dec 25.

FASTING-DAYS.

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| 1. THE FRIDAYS IN ADVENT. | sun-week, immediately after the 14th of |
| 2. EVERY DAY IN LENT, Sundays excepted. | September, immediately after the Third Sunday of Advent. |
| 3. THE EMBER DAYS, viz., the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays immediately after the first Sunday in Lent, in Whit- | 4. THE VIGILS of certain Feasts, viz., of Whit-Sunday, of the Assumption, of All Saints, and of Christmas. |

N. B.—When a fasting-day falls upon Sunday, the fast is observed on the Saturday preceding that Sunday.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

All Fridays, except when Christmas falls on Friday.



Morning Prayers.

Awaking in the morning, say :

O MY God, my only good, the Author of my being, and my last end; I give Thee my heart. Praise, honor, and glory be to Thee for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Rising up, say :

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I WILL raise myself up from this bed of sleep to adore my God, and to labor for the salvation of my soul. Oh, may I rise, on the last day, to life everlasting!

While clothing yourself, say :

O MY God, clothe my soul with the nuptial robe of charity, and grant that I may wear it pure and undefiled before Thy judgment-seat.

When clothed, kneel down and say :

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSED be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and evermore. *Amen.* Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of Thy divine love. *Amen.*

Act of Adoration.

O GREAT God! the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth!

I prostrate myself before Thee. With all the angels and saints, I adore Thee. I acknowledge Thee to be my Creator and sovereign Lord, my first beginning, and last end. I render to Thee the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to Thy holy will, and I devote myself to Thy divine service this day and for ever.

Act of Faith.

O MY God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths, which Thy Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive, nor be deceived.

Act of Hope.

O MY God! relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and Redeemer.

Act of Love.

O MY God! I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art infinitely amiable and deserving of all love. I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God! I give Thee thanks for having created me, for having preserved me, for having redeemed me by the blood of Thy Son, for having made me a child of Thy Church, and generally for all the favors I have received from Thy infinite goodness.

Pause a while, and foresee the sins you are most subject to, and firmly resolve to avoid them.

Act of Contrition.

O MY God! I am most heartily sorry for all my sins, and I detest them above all things from the bottom of my heart, because they displease Thee, my God, who art most deserving of all my love

for Thy most amiable and adorable perfections ; I firmly purpose, by Thy holy grace, never more to offend Thee, and to do all that I can to atone for my sins.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven ! hallowed be Thy name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them, who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

The Angelical Salutation.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace ! the Lord is with thee ; blessed art

thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God ! pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord ; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried ; He descended into hell, the third day He arose again from the dead ; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; from thence He shall come to judge

the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Confiteor.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel,

blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord give me pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins.
Amen.

Invoke the blessed Virgin, your angel guardian, and your patron saint.

O HOLY Virgin, Mother of God, my advocate and patroness, pray for thy poor servant: show thyself a mother to me; and thou, O blessed spirit, whom God in His

mercy hath appointed to watch over me, intercede for me this day, that I may not stray from the path of virtue. Thou also, O happy saint, whose name I bear, pray for me, that I may serve God faithfully in this life, as thou hast done, and glorify Him eternally with thee in heaven. *Amen.*

Grace Before Meals.

BLESS us, O Lord! and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace After Meals.

WE give Thee thanks, O Almighty God! for these and all Thy blessings; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the
world,

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Jesus, splendor of the Father,

Jesus, brightness of eternal light,

Jesus, King of glory,

Jesus, Sun of justice,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,

Jesus, most admirable,

Jesus, mighty God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Father of the world to come,
Jesus, Angel of the great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, Author of life,
Jesus, Model of virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, joy of Angels,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, light of Confessors,
Jesus, purity of Virgins,
Jesus, crown of all Saints,

} *Have mercy on us.*

Be merciful. *Spare us, O Jesus!*

Be merciful. *Graciously hear us, O
Jesus!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of uncleanness,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy inspira-
tions,

} *Jesus! deliver us.*

Through the mystery of Thy
holy Incarnation,
Through Thy Nativity,
Through Thine Infancy,

Through Thy most divine Life,
Through Thy Labors,
Through Thy Agony and Pas-
sion,
Through Thy Cross and Aban-
donment,
Through Thy Faintness and
Weariness.
Through Thy Death and Burial,
Through Thy Resurrection,
Through Thine Ascension,
Through Thy Joys,
Through Thy Glory,

Jesus ! deliver us.

Lamb of God ! who takest away the
sins of the world ! *Spare us, O Jesus !*

Lamb of God ! who takest away the
sins of the world ! *Hear us, O Jesus !*

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sins of the world ! *Have mercy on us,
O Jesus !*

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear
us.*

Let us Pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask, and thou shalt receive, seek and thou shalt find, knock and it shall be opened unto thee,* mercifully attend to our supplication, and grant us the divine gift of Thy charity, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, and never desist from Thy praise; who livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MAKE us, O Lord, that we may have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; for Thou never failest to govern those whom Thou dost solidly establish in Thy love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

WE fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God! despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever-glorious and blessed Virgin!

The Angelus Domini.

To be said morning, noon, and night, in memory of the adorable mystery of the Incarnation of our blessed Saviour.

V. THE angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. May it be done unto me according to Thy word. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. And the word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee,
O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Regina Coeli.

In place of the Angelus Domini, during the Paschal Season the following anthem is recited, standing.

O QUEEN of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.

For He whom Thou didst merit to
bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen, as he said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin
Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath risen indeed.
Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, who, through the Resurrection of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to fill the world with joy ; grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Virgin Mother, Mary, we may lay hold on the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Ebening Prayers.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

BLESSED be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Come, O Holy Ghost! replenish the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love.

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Act of Thanksgiving.

HOW shall I be able to thank Thee, O Lord! for all Thy

favours? Thou hast thought of me from all eternity; Thou hast brought me forth from nothing; Thou hast given Thy life to redeem me, and Thou continuest still, daily, to load me with Thy favours. Alas! my God! what return can I make Thee, for all Thy benefits, and in particular for the favours of this day? Join me, ye blessed spirits! and all ye elect! in praising the God of mercies, who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature.

Let us Beg of God to make Known
our Sins to us.

O HOLY Ghost, eternal source of light! remove my darkness, and dispel those shades, that hide

from me the filth and enormity of my offences. Show me, I beseech Thee, the sins I have this day committed, in thought, word, and action. Grant me a feeling sense of them, that I may detest them all from the bottom of my heart, and dread nothing so much, as ever to commit them hereafter.

Let us examine our consciences, and consider where we have been this day, and in what company. Let us call to mind the duties of our state, and our different offences.

Against God. By omissions, negligence in our religious duties, irreverence in the church, wilful distractions in prayer, faults in our intentions, resistance to divine grace, oaths, murmurings, want of confidence and resignation.

Against our neighbor. By rash judgments, hatred, jealousy, contempt, desire of revenge, quarrelling, passion, imprecations, injuries, detraction, raillery, false reports, damaging either in goods or reputation, bad example, scandal; want of obedience, respect, charity, or fidelity.

Against ourselves. By vanity, human respect, lies; by thoughts, desires, discourse, or actions contrary to purity; by intemperance, rage, impatience; by a useless and sensual life, or sloth in complying with the duties of our state. Recite the general confession, *I confess to Almighty God, etc.*, as on page 14.

A Firm Purpose of Amendment.

O ETERNAL God! against whom I have sinned, I wish

from my heart that I had never offended Thee; but as I have been so unhappy, oh grant me now grace, never more to offend Thee. Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. Convert me then and I shall be converted. Have mercy on me according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. I renounce all sin, and firmly purpose to shun all the occasions of it, and to walk henceforth in the path of thy commandments. This is my fixed resolution, which I hope I shall faithfully keep, relying upon Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

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Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

*Pray
for us.*

Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,

Pray for us.

Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints.
Queen conceived without sin,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy on us.*

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

DEFEND, O Lord, we beseech Thee, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin, this Thy family from all adversity; and mercifully protect us, who prostrate ourselves before Thee with all our hearts, from the snares of the enemy. Through Christ our Lord.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee,
O Lord! Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, particularly for those of our friends and benefactors.

De Profundis.

Out of the depths I have cried unto Thee, O Lord! Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord! wilt mark iniquities! Lord! who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful

forgiveness: and by reason of Thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord!

My soul hath relied on His word;
my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord!

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

V. O Lord! hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful,

grant to the souls of Thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins : that, through pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon, which they have always desired, who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

Let us recommend our rest to God, to the blessed Virgin, and the Saints.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord ! this night, to keep us without sin.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord ! have mercy on us.

Let us Pray.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, defend, and protect me this night from all sin and danger. *Amen.*

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and may Thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

God the Father! bless us; Jesus Christ! defend and keep us; the virtue of the Holy Ghost! enlighten and sanctify us this night and for ever; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Bless, O Lord! the repose I am going to take, in order to renew my strength, that I may be better able to serve Thee. O all ye saints

and angels! but chiefly thou, O Mother of God! intercede for me this night, and during the rest of my life, but particularly at the hour of my death.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

When you go to bed, say :

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I lay me down to rest! bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me, and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. *Amen.*

Asperges.

Sprinkling of the Holy Water.

Anthem.—Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord! and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Psalm.—Have mercy on me, O God! according to Thy great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Thou shalt sprinkle me.

V. Show us, O Lord! Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord! hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.

HEAR us, O Lord! Almighty Father, Eternal God, and vouchsafe to send Thy holy angel from heaven to guard, to cherish, protect, visit, and defend all that are assembled in this place, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Easter to Whitsunday inclusively.
instead of the foregoing Anthem the following is sung.

Ant. I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia: and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, Alleluia.

Ps. Praise the Lord, for He is good, because His mercy endureth for ever. Glory, etc.

Devotions for Mass.

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY Lord of heaven and earth! behold, I, a wretched sinner, presume to appear before Thee, this day, to offer up to Thee by the hands of this Thy minister, and by the hands of our High-priest, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, the sacrifice of His Body and Blood, in union with that sacrifice which He offered Thee upon the cross. First, for Thy own honor, praise, adoration, and glory. Secondly, in remembrance of His death and pas-

sion. Thirdly, in thanksgiving for all Thy blessings bestowed on Him and on his whole Church, whether triumphant in heaven, or militant on earth; and especially for those bestowed on me, the most unworthy of all. Fourthly, for obtaining pardon and remission of all my sins; and of those of all others, whether living or dead, for whom I ought to pray; and lastly, for obtaining all graces and blessings both for myself and for the whole Church. Oh, be thou pleased to assist me in such a manner by Thy grace, that I may behave myself this day as I ought to do, in Thy divine presence; and that I may so commemorate the death and passion of Thy Son,

as to partake most plentifully of the fruits of it, through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

The Confiteor.

O BLESSED Trinity! one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, prostrate in spirit before Thee, I here confess, in the sight of the whole court of heaven, and of all Thy faithful, my innumerable treasons against thy divine Majesty. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, I have grievously offended Thee through the whole course of my life, in thought, word, and deed, and therefore am most unworthy to lift up my eyes to heaven, or so much as to pronounce Thy sacred name; how

much more am I unworthy to appear here in Thy sanctuary—and to assist among Thy angels at these heavenly mysteries, which require so much purity; because Jesus Christ Himself is here in person both priest and victim! But, O my God, thy mercies are above all Thy works, and Thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart; and therefore I here venture to come into Thy temple, and with the poor publican (and, as I hope, with the same penitential spirit) I strike my breast, and say, *O God, be merciful to me a sinner.* [*Repeat this thrice.*] And I humbly hope to find this mercy which I crave, through that passion and death

which is here celebrated. O Fountain of mercy, grant this mercy to me, and to all poor sinners. *Amen.*

The Introit.

GRANT, O Lord, we may be truly prepared for the offering this great sacrifice to Thee this day; and because our sins alone can render us displeasing to Thee, therefore we cry aloud to Thee for mercy.

The Kyrie Eleison.

HAVE mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me all my sins.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee; we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers: who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, Thou only, O Jesus

Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collects.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly beseech Thee mercifully to give ear to the prayers here offered Thee by Thy servants, in the name of Thy whole Church, and in behalf of us Thy people: accept them, to the honor of Thy name, and the good of our souls; and grant to us all mercy, grace, and salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

On the Festival of a Saint.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the exam-

ples of Thy saints may effectually move us to reform our lives, that while we celebrate their festivals, we may also imitate their actions, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle.

THOU hast vouchsafed, O Lord, to teach us Thy sacred truths by Thy prophets and apostles: oh grant that we may so improve by their doctrine and examples, in the love of Thy holy name, and of Thy holy law, that we may show forth by our lives whose disciples we are; that we may no longer follow the corrupt inclinations of flesh and blood, but master all our passions; that we

may be ever directed by Thy light; and strengthened by Thy grace, to walk in the way of Thy commandments, and to serve Thee with clean hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual.

HOW wonderful, O Lord, is Thy name through the whole earth! I will bless Thee, O Lord, at all times; Thy praise shall ever be in my mouth. Be Thou my God and my Protector for ever: I will put my whole trust in Thee; oh, let me never be confounded.

The Gospel.

MAYEST Thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who,

not content to instruct and inform us by Thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, commanding us, by a voice from heaven, to hear Him : grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by His divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of Thee, dread Jesus, in Thy gospel, is truth itself: nothing but wisdom in Thy actions; power and goodness in Thy miracles; light and instruction in Thy words. With Thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go, but to Thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what Thou command-

est, and command what Thou pleasest.

The Credo.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, and born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified

also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And

the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Offertory.

A CCEPT, O eternal Father, this offering which is here made to Thee by Thy minister, in the name of us all here present, and of Thy whole Church. It is as yet only bread and wine, but, by the miracle of Thy power and grace, will shortly become the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son. He is our high-priest, and He is our victim. With Him and through Him we desire to approach to Thee this day, and by His hands to offer Thee this Sacrifice, for Thine own honor,

praise, and glory ; in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits, in satisfaction for all our sins, and for obtaining conversion for all unbelievers, and mercy, grace, and salvation for all Thy faithful. And with this offering of Thy only begotten Son, we offer ourselves to Thee, begging that, by the virtue of this sacrifice, we may be happily united to Thee, and that nothing in life and death may ever separate us any more from Thee.

The Lavabo. .

OH, what cleanness and purity of heart ought we to bring with us to this great sacrifice ! but, alas ! I am a poor unclean sinner. Oh, wash me, dear Lord,

from all the stains of sin in the blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly mysteries.

After the Lavabo.

O MOST holy and adorable Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our sacrifice, in remembrance of our Saviour's passion, resurrection, and glorious ascension; and grant that we may die with Him to our sins, rise with Him to new life, and ascend with Him to Thee. Let those saints, whose memory we celebrate on earth, remember us before Thy throne in heaven, and obtain mercy for us, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Orate Fratres.

MAY the Lord receive this sacrifice from Thy hands, to the praise and glory of His own name, for our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

The Secreta.

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation, which we Thy servants make to Thee; and as we offer it to the honor of Thy name, so may it be to us here a means of obtaining Thy grace, and life everlasting hereafter, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

On the Festival of a Saint.

SANCTIFY, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these gifts which

we offer Thee in this solemnity of Thy holy servant, *N.*, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that both in prosperity and adversity our ways may be ever directed to Thy honor, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Preface.

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we always and in all places give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God, who, with Thy only begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God and one Lord: not in one single person, but in three persons and one substance. For what we be-

lieve of Thy glory, as Thou hast revealed it, we believe the same of thy Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference; so that in the confession of one true and eternal Deity we adore a distinction of persons, an unity of essence, and an equality of majesty; which the Angels and Archangels praise, the Cherubim and Seraphim also, who cease not to cry out daily, saying with one voice:

Holy! holy! holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! the heavens and the earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon.

O ETERNAL and most merciful Father, behold, we come to offer Thee our homage this day ; we desire to adore, praise, and glorify Thee ; and to give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, joining our hearts and voices with all Thy blessed in heaven, and with Thy whole Church upon earth. But acknowledging our great unworthiness and innumerable sins, for which we are heartily sorry, and humbly beg Thy pardon, we dare not approach Thee otherwise than in company with Thy Son, our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast given us to be both High-priest and Sacrifice. With

Him therefore, and through Him, we venture to offer Thee this Sacrifice : to His most sacred intentions we desire to unite ours : and with this offering which He makes of Himself, we desire to make an offering of our whole being to Thee. With Him and through Him we beseech Thee to exalt Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the whole world ; to maintain her in peace, unity, holiness, and truth ; to have mercy on Thy servants, *N.*, our chief bishop, *N.*, our prelate, and all that truly fear Thee ; on our parents, children, friends, and benefactors, etc. ; on all those whom we have any ways scandalized, injured, or offended, or for whom we are in any other

way bound to pray; on all that are in their agony, or under violent temptations, or other necessities, corporal or spiritual; on all our enemies; and, in a word, on all poor sinners; that we may all be converted to Thee, and find mercy, through Jesus Christ Thy Son: through whom we hope one day to be admitted into the company of all Thy Saints and Elect, whose memory we here celebrate, whose prayers we desire, and with whom we communicate in these holy Mysteries.

When the Priest Spreads his Hands
over the Oblation.

WE present to Thee, O Lord!
this bread and wine, which

being composed of many, reduced into one, are symbols of concord and unity, that, by Thy all-powerful blessing, they may be made for us the precious Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son; and that through Him, and through His Death and Passion, applied to our souls by these sacred mysteries, we may obtain mercy, grace, and peace, in this life, and eternal happiness in the next.

The Consecration.

Bow down in solemn adoration; make an Act of Faith of the Real Presence of your Saviour's Body and Blood, soul and divinity, under the sacramental veils. Offer your whole self to Him, and through Him to His

Father. Beg that your heart and soul may be happily united to Him.

The Elevation of the Host.

MOST adorable Body, I adore Thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given Thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely Thine. I believe; O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be Thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by Thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. *Amen.*

The Elevation of the Chalice.

MOST adorable Blood, that washest away all our sins,

I adore Thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for Thine, O blessed Victim.

O Jesus, do Thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live, Jesus, in us, and may we live in Thee. *Amen.*

After the Elevation.

IT is now, O Lord, with grateful hearts we call to mind the sacred mysteries of Thy Passion and Death, of Thy resurrection and ascension. Here is Thy Body that was broken; here is Thy Blood that was shed for us, of which these exterior signs are but the figures, and yet in reality contain the Substance. It is now we truly offer Thee, O Lord, that pure

and holy Victim, which Thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures.

Memento for the Dead.

I OFFER Thee again, O Lord, this holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Thy only Son, in behalf of the faithful departed, and in particular for the souls of [*here name whom you chiefly propose to pray for*], my parents [*if dead*], relatives, benefactors, neighbors, etc. Likewise of such as I have any ways injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war, or have none to pray for them,

etc. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Nobis Quoque Peccatoribus.

VOUCHSAFE to grant the same to us, poor and miserable sinners: judge us not according to our demerits; but through the infinite multitude of Thy mercies, in which we hope, liberally extend to us Thy grace and pardon.

We ask it of Thee, in the name of Thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth eternally with Thee, and in that form of prayer which He Himself hath taught us.

The Pater Noster.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Deliver us from those evils which we labor under at present; from past evils, which can be nothing but our manifold sins; and from all the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of Thy

saints, who intercede for us, intercept not Thy justice, or excite not Thy bounty.

The Pax Domini.

THY Body was broken, and Thy Blood shed for us: grant that the commemoration of this holy Mystery may obtain for us peace; and that those who receive it may find everlasting rest.

The Agnus Dei.

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

After the Agnus Dei.

IN saying to Thy Apostles, My peace I leave you, My peace I give you, Thou hast promised, O Lord, to all Thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give; peace with Thee, and peace with ourselves.

Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace; let nothing separate us from Thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through the blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation. Let this food of angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield under temp-

tions, or fall into our common weaknesses.

At the Domine, non sum dignus, striking your Breast thrice with Humility and Contrition, say,

LORD, I am not worthy Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say only the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Such as are not prepared to communicate really, may communicate spiritually, by saying as follows:

MOST loving Jesus, I adore Thee with a lively faith, who art present in this Sacrament by virtue of Thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. But conscious of my infirmities and sins, I dare not now receive Thee sacramentally. All my hope is in Thee! I

love Thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me; and therefore I desire to receive Thee now spiritually. Come, therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Thy sacred Body and Blood; deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to Thy commands; and let me never be separated from Thee, my Saviour, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Communion.

LET it be now, O Lord, the effect of Thy mercy, that we,

who have been present at this holy Mystery, may find the benefit of it in our souls.

The Post-Communion.

WE give Thee thanks, O God, for Thy mercy, in admitting us to have a part in offering this Sacrifice to Thy holy name; accept it now to Thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.

MOST gracious God, Father of mercy, grant, I beseech Thee, that this adorable Sacrifice of the blessed Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may obtain for us, at Thy hands, mercy, and the remission of all our sins.

Amen.

After the Communion.

I RETURN Thee now most hearty thanks, O my God! through Jesus Christ Thy Son, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver Him up to death for us, and to give us His Body and Blood, both as a Sacrament and Sacrifice in these holy mysteries, at which Thou hast permitted me, a most unworthy sinner, to assist this day. May all heaven and earth bless and praise Thee for ever, for all Thy mercy. Oh, pardon me, dear Lord! all my distractions, and the many neglects which I have been guilty of this day in Thy sight; and let me not depart without Thy benediction.

Behold, I desire from this moment to give up myself, and all that belongs to me, into Thy hands, and beg that all my undertakings, all my thoughts, words and actions, may henceforward tend to Thy glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Benediction.

THE blessing of God Almighty,
✠ Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, descend upon us, and dwell
in our hearts for ever. *Amen.*

The Last Gospel.

IN the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. This was
in the beginning with God. All

things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but to bear witness of the light. That was the true light which enlightens every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as

received Him, He gave to them power to become the sons of God; to them who believe in His name, who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God: and *the word was made flesh*, and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayers ordered to be said after every low Mass by a decree of His Holiness Leo XIII.

Three "HAIL MARYS."

Salve Regina.

HAIL! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry,

poor banished children of Eve; to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping, in this vale of tears! Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, our refuge and our strength, graciously look upon Thy people who cry to Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of blessed Joseph, her Spouse, and Thy holy Apostles, Peter and Paul,

and all the Saints, in Thy mercy and kindness hear the prayers which we pour forth for the conversion of sinners, and for the freedom and exaltation of Holy Mother the Church. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HOLY Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil—*Rebuke* him, *O God*, we suppliantly beseech Thee: and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power drive into hell Satan and the other evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. grants to all who recite these prayers, as aforesaid, 300 days' indulgence.

The Ordinary of the Mass.

The Priest at the foot of the Altar, begins,
saying,

IN the name of the Father, ✠
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

V. I will go unto the altar of
God.

R. To God, who rejoiceth my
youth.

Psalm xlii.

Omitted in Masses for the Dead and in
Passion Time.

JUDGE me, O God, and distin-
guish my cause from the na-

tion that is not holy : deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

R. For Thou, O God, art my strength, why hast Thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth : they have conducted me and brought me to Thy holy mount, and into Thy tabernacles.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God ; to God, who giveth joy to my youth.

P. I will praise Thee on the harp, O God, my God : why art thou sorrowful, O my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?

R. Hope in God, for I will still praise Him, who is the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

V. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who giveth joy to my youth.

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

Then joining his hands and humbly bowing down, he says the Confiteor.

P. I confess, etc.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and, forgiving thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, Father, to pray to our Lord God for me.

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Then the Priest with his hands joined,
says :

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

Signing himself with the sign of the Cross, he says :

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

Then, bowing down, he proceeds :

V. Thou, O God, being turned, will enliven us.

R. And Thy people will rejoice in Thee.

V. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Ascending to the Altar, he says secretly :

TAKE away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bowing down over the Altar, he says :

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy saints

whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. *Amen.*

[At High Mass the Altar is here incensed.]

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and undivided Unity: we will praise it, because it hath shown His mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord our God, how wonderful is Thy name over the utmost boundaries of the earth!

V. Glory, etc.

At the Kyrie Eleison.

P. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P. Christ, have mercy upon us.

R. Christ, have mercy upon us.

P. Christ, have mercy upon us.

P. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Afterwards, standing at the middle of the altar, extending, and then joining his hands, he says the Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have

mercy upon us; Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art Lord; Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God, the Father. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

At the Collects.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who has granted Thy servants in the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of an Eternal Trinity, and in the power of majesty to adore a Unity; we beseech Thee, that

by the strength of this faith we may be defended from all adversity. Through, etc.

Preserve us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from all dangers of body and soul; and by the intercession of glorious and blessed Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of God, of the blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, of blessed *N.*, and of all the saints, grant us, in Thy mercy, health and peace; that adversities and errors being removed, Thy Church may serve Thee with a pure and undisturbed devotion. Through, etc.

At the Epistle.

OH, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the know-

ledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgments, and how unsearchable His ways! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counsellor? Or who hath first given to Him, and recompense shall be made him? For of Him, and by Him, and in Him are all things. To Him be glory for ever. *Amen.*

R. Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual.

BLESSED art Thou, O Lord, who beholdest the deep and sittest on the cherubim. *V.* Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and worthy of praise for ever. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord,
the God of our fathers, and worthy
of praise for ever. *Alleluia.*

The prayer *Munda cor meum.*

CLEANSE my heart and my
my lips, O Almighty God,
who didst cleanse the lips of the
prophet Isaias with a burning
coal; and vouchsafe, through Thy
gracious mercy, so to purify me,
that I may worthily attend to
Thy holy Gospel. Through Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Lord be in my heart,
and on my lips, that I may
worthily, and in a becoming man-
ner, attend to His holy Gospel.
Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation (*or beginning*) of the holy Gospel according to, etc.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the Gospel.

AT that time:—Jesus said to His disciples: All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; *baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all the ages. God of God, Light of light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven [*here all kneel*], and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third

day He rose again, according to the Scriptures ; and ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father ; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead ; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son ; who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified ; who spake by the prophets. And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

The Offertory.

BLESSED be God the Father,
and the only-begotten Son of
God, as likewise the Holy Ghost;
for He has shown mercy to us.

ACCEPT, O holy Father, al-
mighty and eternal God, this
unspotted Host, which I, Thy un-
worthy servant, offer unto Thee,
my living and true God, for my
innumerable sins, offences, and
negligences, and for all here pres-
ent; as also for all faithful Chris-
tians, both living and dead; that
it may avail both me and them
unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

O GOD, ✠ who in creating human nature hast wonderfully dignified it, and still more wonderfully reformed it; grant that by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of His divine nature, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, namely, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Thy Son, who with Thee, in the unity of, etc. *Amen.*

WE offer unto Thee, O Lord, the Chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency, that it may ascend before Thy divine Majesty, as a sweet odor, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. *Amen.*

ACCEPT us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and contrition of heart; and grant that the Sacrifice we offer this day in Thy sight may be pleasing to Thee, O Lord God.

COME, O Almighty and eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless ✠ this Sacrifice prepared for the glory of Thy holy name.

The Lavabo.

I WILL wash my hands among the innocent, and will compass Thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of Thy praise, and tell all Thy wondrous works.

I have loved, O Lord, the beauty

of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul with the wicked, nor my life with men of blood.

In whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is filled with gifts.

But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me and have mercy on me.

My foot hath stood in the direct way: in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord.

Glory be, etc.

Bowing before the Altar.

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to Thee in memory of the Passion,

Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, of blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation; and that they may vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through, etc. *Amen.*

Turning to the people.

BRETHREN, pray that my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the Sacrifice from thy hands to the

praise and glory of His own name, and to our benefit, and that of all His holy Church.

The Secreta.

SANCTIFY, we besecch Thee, O Lord our God, by the invocation of Thy holy name, the victim of this oblation, and by it make us ourselves an eternal offering to Thee. Through, etc.

Graciously hear us, O God our Saviour, that, by virtue of this Sacrament, Thou mayest defend us from all enemies, of both soul and body. Grant us grace in this life, and glory in the next.

V. World without end.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is meet and just.

The Preface.

IT is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God. Through Christ our Lord; by whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it; the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim,

with common jubilee glorify it. Together with whom we beseech Thee that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying:

The Sanctus.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass.

WE therefore humbly pray and beseech Thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these ✠ gifts, these ✠ presents, these ✠

holy unspotted sacrifices, which in the first place we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace, as also to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together with Thy servant *N.* our Pope, *N.* our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Commemoration of the Living.

BE mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants, men and women, *N.* and *N.*

[Make commemoration of the living you intend to pray for.]

AND of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known

unto Thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves, their families, and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to Thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

Communicating with, and honoring in the first place, the memory of the ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ: as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Law-

rence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers grant that we may be always defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Spreading his hands over the Oblation,
he says :

WE therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our servitude, as also of Thy whole family ; and to dispose our days in Thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Which oblation do Thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to

bless, ✠ approve, ✠ ratify, ✠ and accept; that it may be made for us the Body ✠ and Blood of Thy most beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with His eyes lifted up towards heaven, giving thanks to Thee, Almighty God, His Father, He blessed it, brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

After pronouncing the words of Consecration, the Priest, kneeling, adores the Sacred Host, and, rising, elevates it.

IN like manner, after He had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into His holy and

venerable hands, giving Thee also thanks, He blessed ✠ and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and drink ye all of this, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL TESTAMENT, THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY, TO THE REMISSION OF SINS.

As often as ye do these things ye shall do them in remembrance of Me.

Elevation of the Chalice.

WHEREFORE, O Lord, we Thy servants, as also Thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed Passion of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, His resurrec-

tion from the dead, and admirable Ascension into heaven, offer unto Thy most excellent Majesty, of Thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure ✠ Host, a holy ✠ Host, an unspotted ✠ Host, the holy ✠ Bread of eternal life, and Chalice ✠ of everlasting salvation.

Extending his hands, he proceeds :

UPON which vouchsafe to look with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as Thou wert graciously pleased to accept the gifts of Thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham, and that which Thy high priest Melchisedech offered to Thee,—a holy Sacrifice and unspotted Victim.

Bowing down, he says :

WE most humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, to command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy holy angels to Thy altar on high, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, that as many as shall partake of the most sacred Body ✠ and Blood ✠ of Thy Son at this altar may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Commemoration of the Dead.

REMEMBER also, O Lord, Thy servants, N. and N., who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here particular mention is silently made of such of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

TO these, O Lord, and to all that sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here, striking his breast, and raising his voice, he says :

ALSO, to us sinners, Thy servants, confiding in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with

all Thy Saints, into whose company we beseech Thee to admit us, not in consideration of our merit, but of Thy own gratuitous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, ✠ quicken, ✠ bless, ✠ and give us all these good things. By Him and with Him, ✠ and in Him, ✠ is to Thee, God the ✠ Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy ✠ Ghost, all honor and glory.

P. For ever and ever.

R. *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

INSTRUCTED by Thy saving precepts, and following Thy divine directions, we presume to say :

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. Amen.

DELIVER us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and by the intercession of the blessed and ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew, and of all the Saints; mercifully

grant peace in our days, that through the assistance of Thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God.

The Breaking of the Host.

P. World without end.

R. *Amen.*

P. The peace ✠ of the Lord be ✠ always with ✠ you.

R. And with thy spirit.

MAY this mixture and consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

be to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. *Amen.*

The Agnus Dei.

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to Thy Apostles, I leave you peace, I give you My peace, regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will; who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of Thy Father, hast by Thy death, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, given life to the world, deliver me by this Thy most sacred Body and Blood from all my iniquities, and from all evils; and make me always adhere to Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee; who livest and reignest with God the Father, etc. *Amen.*

Let not the participation of Thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy mercy may it be a safeguard and

remedy, both to soul and body; who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Taking the Sacred Host in his hands :

I WILL take the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of our Lord.

Striking his breast with humility and devotion, he says, three times :

LORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

MAY the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. *Amen.*

He then reverently receives the Sacred Host, and, after a short pause, says :

WHAT return shall I make the Lord for all He has given to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

Receiving the Precious Blood :

MAY the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Taking the first Ablution, he says :

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind, that of a temporal gift it may become to us an eternal remedy.

Taking the second Ablution :

MAY Thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels ; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy Sacrament. Who livest, etc.

He wipes the Chalice, which he covers ; and having folded the Corporal, he places it on the Altar, then reads the Communion.

WE bless the God of heaven, and we will praise Him in the sight of all the living : because He has shown us His mercy.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Post-Communion.

MAY the receiving of this Sacrament, O Lord our God, avail us to the salvation of body and soul, together with the confession of an everlasting Holy Trinity, and of the undivided Unity thereof. Through, etc.

May the oblation of this divine Sacrament, we beseech Thee, O Lord, both cleanse and defend us; and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed *N.*, and of all the Saints, free us from all sin, and deliver us from all adversity.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Go, you are dismissed: *or*,
Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. *Amen.*

Bowing down before the Altar, he says :

LET the performance of my
homage be pleasing to Thee,
O holy Trinity; and grant that
the sacrifice which I, though un-
worthy, have offered up in the
sight of Thy Majesty, may be ac-
ceptable to Thee, and through
Thy mercy be a propitiation for
me, and all those for whom it has
been offered. Through Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

MAY Almighty God, ✠ the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you.

R. Amen.

Turning to the Gospel side of the Altar,
he says :

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Gospel according to St. John.

THE beginning of the holy Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ; the same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by Him, and without Him was made nothing that was made; in Him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through Him. He was not the light, but came to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came

unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to be made the sons of God: to them that believe in His name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, as it were the glory of the Only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

Devotions for Confession.

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the precious Blood of Thy only Son; who hast borne with me to this day with so much patience, notwithstanding my sins and ingratitude, behold me, O Lord! prostrate at Thy feet to implore Thy forgiveness. I desire most sincerely to leave all my evil ways, to forsake this region of death where I have so long lost myself, and to return to Thee, the fountain of life. I de-

sire, like the prodigal child, to enter seriously into myself, and with the like resolutions, to rise, without delay, and go home to my Father, though I am infinitely unworthy to be called His child, in hopes of meeting with the like reception from His most tender mercy. I know Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he may be converted and live. I know Thy mercies are above all Thy works; and I most confidently hope, that as in Thy mercy Thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to Thee, so Thou wilt finish the work Thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with Thee.

I desire now to comply with Thy holy Institution of the sacrament of penance. I desire to confess my sins with all sincerity to Thee and to Thy minister, and therefore I desire to know myself and to call myself to an account by a diligent examination of my conscience.

But, O my good God ! what will it avail me to know my sins, if Thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them ? Without this, my sins will be all against me still, and I shall be still Thy enemy and a child of hell. Thou insistest upon a change of heart, without which there can be no reconciliation with Thee ; and this change of

heart none but Thou canst give. Oh, give it me, then, dear Lord! at this time. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the passion of my Redeemer. Teach me to fear Thee and to love Thee. Give me, for Thy mercy's sake, a hearty sorrow for having offended so good a God.

O blessed Virgin, mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners! intercede for me through the passion of Thy Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession. O all you blessed angels and saints of God! pray for me, a most miserable sinner, that I may now effectually turn from my evil ways,

that my heart may henceforward be for ever united with yours in eternal love, and never more go astray from the sovereign good.
Amen.

A SHORT TABLE OF SINS, •

*To help the memory when we prepare for
Confession.*

Against the Commandments.

1. Have you doubted in matters of faith?

Murmured against God at your own adversity, or at the prosperity of others?

Despaired of His mercy?

Believed in fortune-tellers or consulted them?

Gone to places of worship belonging to other denominations?

Not recommended yourself daily to God?

2. Taken the name of God in vain?

Spoken irreverently of holy things, or profaned anything relating to religion?

Sworn falsely, rashly, or in slight and trivial matters?

Cursed yourself, or others, or any creature?

Angered others so far as to make them swear, or blaspheme God?

3. Have you kept holy the Lord's day, and all other days commanded to be kept holy?

Bought or sold things, not of necessity, for that day?

Done or commanded some servile work not of necessity?

Missed Mass or been wilfully distracted in time of Mass?

Talked, gazed, or laughed in the church?

Profaned during the day by dancing, drinking, gambling, etc.?

4. Have you honored your parents, superiors, masters, according to your just duty?

Deceived them; disobeyed them?

Failed in due reverence to aged persons?

5. Procured, desired, or hastened the death of any one?

Borne hatred; oppressed any; desired revenge; not forgiven; refused to speak to others; giving provoking language; threatened or struck others not under your charge; made others fall out?

6 and 9. Have you been guilty of lascivious dressing or painting? lewd company; have you read immodest books? been guilty of unchaste songs, discourses, words, looks, or actions by yourself or others? Wilfully entertained impure thoughts or desires?

7. Stealth; deceit in gaming, reckoning, buying or selling, in wares, prices, weights, or measures; bought of such as could not sell; wilfully damaged another man's goods, or negligently spoiled them; run into debt carelessly, beyond your power of payment?

8. Borne false witness, called injurious names; uttered another's sins; flattered yourself or others;

opened others' letters; judged rashly; falsely suspected?

10. Coveted unjustly any thing that belongs to another?

Precepts of the Church.—Have you gone to confession, at least once a year? received the holy communion during the Easter-time?

Have you not violated the fasts of the Church, or eaten flesh-meat on prohibited days?

The Seven Capital Sins.—Pride, Covetousness, Luxury, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, Sloth.

Affections and Resolutions before
Confession.

MY Lord and my all! I am confounded at the multitude and

enormity of my offences against so good a God. I dare not presume even to lift up my eyes to heaven, much less to come near Thy altar, after so many treasons against Thee. Alas! what shall I now do, O Lord? what shall I say? With the humble publican, I will strike my breast, and cry unto Thee: *O God! be merciful to me, a sinner.*

My sins exceed in number the hairs of my head, and the sands of the sea. But Thy mercies are still greater in number than my sins. O ocean of mercy! have compassion on me, a poor miserable sinner, and make me, now at least, a true penitent.

Have mercy on me, O God! ac-

according to Thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out all my iniquities. Wash me yet more from my iniquities, and cleanse me from my sins; because I know my iniquities, and my sins are always before me.

Lord! Thou hast said, there is joy in heaven upon one sinner's doing penance, more than upon ninety-nine just: Oh, give me now grace to be a true penitent indeed, that hereby heaven may rejoice at my conversion.

Thou camest, O my dear Redeemer! not to call the just, but sinners, to repentance. Look down upon me, a poor miserable

sinner, and draw me now powerfully to Thee by Thy grace.

I know Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live. Oh, let me no longer remain dead in my sins! Oh, let me now at least begin to live to Thee!

Thou hast made me, O my God! and redeemed me by Thy precious blood. Oh, despise not the work of Thy hands, and let not Thy blood be spilt for me in vain!

I am resolved by Thy grace, never more to turn to my sins. Oh, rather let me die than offend Thee wilfully any more. I am resolved to avoid all evil company, and dangerous occasions; and to take proper measures for

a thorough amendment of my life for the future. All this I resolve; but Thou knowest my frailty, O my God! and if Thou assist me not with Thy grace, all my resolution will prove ineffectual, and I shall be for ever miserable. Oh, look to me, O Lord! that I may never betray Thee any more.

METHOD OF CONFESSING.

After having carefully examined your conscience, excited yourself to a hearty sorrow for your sins, and made a firm purpose of amendment, go and make your confession to the minister of God, who, in virtue of the power and commission which he has received to that effect, is either "to forgive or retain, to loose or bind," according to the preparation of your heart, the

nature of your transgressions, their number, their enormity, etc. In going to confession humble yourself by considering the majesty of God, and your own many infirmities and great unworthiness. Let your confession be plain, entire, and prudent ; neither obscuring your faults nor concealing anything wilfully, nor saying what would be prejudicial to a third person.

Being on your knees, in the attitude of a suppliant, say first: Bless me, Father, because I have sinned ; “ I confess to Almighty God,” etc., p. 14 as far as “ through my fault.”

Then proceed thus: Since my last confession (mention the time), I accuse myself of, etc. etc.

Having finished the declaration of your sins, add: For these and all other sins that have escaped my memory, I am heartily sorry, humbly ask

pardon of God, and penance and absolution of you, my ghostly Father; "through my fault," etc.

After this, listen attentively to the instructions and advice of your confessor, answer his questions, and humbly accept the penance which he will enjoin. Whilst he absolves you, bow down your head, and with profound humility, say :

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God! I am most heartily sorry for all my sins; and I detest them above all things because they displease Thee, who art infinitely good and amiable, and subject me to the rigors of Thy justice; and I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to do penance for them. and never more to offend Thee.

PRAYERS AFTER CONFESSION.

O GOD of infinite goodness! who hast shown such mercy to a miserable sinner! O most indulgent Father! who hast received once more Thy prodigal child, how shall I thank Thee? how shall I testify the joy and gratitude that fill my heart? Oh that I could worthily thank Thee, my good God! and acknowledge, as I ought, that infinite mercy which *forgiveth all my iniquities*, which *healeth all my diseases*. Ps. cii. 3. Oh that I could now be heard all over the world, I would publish to all sinners that Thou art a God *compassionate and merciful*, who *will not always be angry*, nor *threaten for ever*. Ibid. 8, 9. I

would invite all who ever had the misfortune of offending Thee, to return with their whole hearts, that they may enjoy with me the bliss of having been received into Thy grace and favor. Thou wouldst receive them no less mercifully than Thou receivedst me; *for as a father hath compassion on his children, so hath the Lord compassion on them that fear Him.* Ibid. 13. My God! Thou hast broken the bonds of my sins; Thou hast blotted out, with Thy own precious Blood, the sentence of eternal death, which stood against me; Thou hast snatched me almost from the brink of hell, and delivered me from the power of the devil, who has now no

claim to my soul: *as far as the east is from the west, so far hast Thou removed my iniquities from me* (Ib. 12), and by the mouth of Thy minister Thou hast desired the most unworthy of all sinners to "*Go in peace.*" O divine Jesus! I have obeyed Thy command, my heart rejoices, my soul is truly at peace, because I hope I am no longer Thy enemy; because Thou hast received me with mercy and forgiveness, and satisfied the first and only desire of my heart. But, Lord! hast Thou not said, that those to whom much has been forgiven, should love Thee much? To whom hast Thou ever remitted such ingratitude as mine? who had ever so

little claim on Thy compassion; yet, at the same time, who ever experienced more of Thy mercy and goodness? Oh, let me then love Thee, at least, more than those who offended Thee less, and to whom less was remitted; let me love Thee unceasingly, and sincerely begin, from this happy day, to serve Thee alone, and love Thee above all created things. O most bountiful Redeemer, so worthy of my whole heart! though Thou hast mercifully forgiven me, yet I will never pardon myself; though I firmly trust Thou hast forgotten my iniquities, yet I will never forget them, but grieve over them to the last moment of my life. The more mercy and ten-

derness I have experienced from Thee, the more reason I have to deplore my misfortune in having ever offended so good a God. This day shall be the beginning of my perfect conversion; from this moment forward, the recollection of my past ingratitude and Thy ineffable goodness shall be ever present to my mind, and with the assistance of Thy grace, shall be a double motive for detesting sin, and faithfully observing my resolutions, which I fervently renew, and once more present to Thy divine Majesty. Do not refuse to receive, O my God! the remainder of my life. I am heartily sorry for the years I have mispent: they have gone down as a

shadow ; they have passed away without fruit ; but as I cannot recall them, I will at least think of them in the bitterness of my soul. Oh, let the ardor with which I pursued a life of sin, be in future applied to Thy service, that where sin hath abounded, Thy divine grace may be still more abundant. Let the change in my conduct be visible to all, and may I henceforward edify more than I have hitherto scandalized.

O DIVINE Lord ! vouchsafe graciously to remember Thy holy thoughts from all eternity, and chiefly that tender design of becoming man for the redemption of the world. Pardon me, through

the merits of these, all my vain and evil imaginations, as well as the bad thoughts I may have excited in others.

O most compassionate Jesus ! I, a wretched sinner, dare to present Thee all the words of salvation which have fallen from Thy sacred lips, and which others have uttered, or shall hereafter utter to the glory of Thy name ; and I earnestly beseech Thee through these expressions, full of glory to God and peace to men, to forgive whatever I have said offensive to Thy divine Majesty, or what others, through my means, may have sinfully uttered.

O most amiable Lord, Jesus Christ ! remember all the good

works Thou hast performed for our salvation, and through their infinite merits graciously pardon my reiterated offences against Thy holy law. Mercifully direct all my thoughts, words, and actions to Thy greater glory, and regulate them by the model of Thy own blessed life.

O JESUS CHRIST, Saviour of the world! who invitest the sinner to return to Thee, kindly receiving, refreshing, and consoling him; remember that with Thy precious Blood Thou wast pleased to redeem my sinful soul: to Thy sacred wounds I therefore flee for refuge; and as in Thy mercy Thou didst pray for Thy

enemies, and sacrifice Thy life for Thy tormentors, vouchsafe to impart to me the benefits of Thy sacred Death and Passion. Grant that I may never again crucify Thee by any wilful offence; but, sincerely grieving for the past, and resolutely striving against present temptations, I may fervently persevere to the end in Thy love and service. Into Thy hands I commend my whole being. O Jesus, Son of David! have mercy on me.

O HOLY Virgin, and all ye saints and angels! bless and extol the Lord for His infinite mercies; beg of Him to accept the confession I have made, to

supply, through His goodness, for all its deficiencies, and graciously to confirm in heaven the sentence of absolution which has been pronounced upon me on earth.

Divine Praises.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, the most holy Mary.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Devotions for Communion.

An Act of Adoration.

COULD we ever believe, O Lord, or even imagine, that Thy love for us was so excessive, had not Thine own infallible word convinced us of its truth? Hadst Thou, when Thou wast about to quit this world, left us Thy adorable heart as a pledge of Thy affection; or hadst Thou, when Thy side was pierced, ordered Thy precious Blood to be distributed throughout Thy Church; such favors would justly claim our

most grateful acknowledgments. But this would not satisfy the extent of Thy love: Thou didst choose, in a godlike manner, to penetrate into the very centre of our hearts, and give Thyself to each of us in particular, entirely, and for ever. With what amazement, then, must not the angels, and the whole hierarchy of celestial intelligences, have beheld such a prodigy! Were they not, in some measure, jealous to see mankind thus uncommonly favored? But what didst Thou discover in me, O Lord, that could thus attract Thee? or what couldst Thou possibly expect from my indigence? Can I become the dwelling-place of Him who is the de-

light of the blessed? Alas! had I even the innocence of Thy beloved disciple St. John, or the ardent love of Thy zealous apostle St. Peter, I should then have some little claim to sit down at Thy table; but since I am removed at so great a distance from such holy dispositions, vouchsafe, O Lord, to supply my deficiency by the effusion of Thy grace. Whence is this favor to me, O my merciful Redeemer? *What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?* Ps. viii. 5.

An Act of Desire.

SINCE Thou, O Lord, art so prodigal of miracles, and

obligest me to receive Thee under such severe penalties, nothing can be more certain than that Thou desirest to make my heart Thy dwelling-place. With what fervent desires should I not, therefore, endeavor to co-operate with intentions so bountiful, O my all-sufficient God! Though Thou standest in no need of me, yet Thou hast compassion on my poverty. May then the efficacy of Thy grace supply my indigence; may it awaken every faculty of my soul, and render my desires to receive Thee worthily, still more inflamed: for though they are arrived at a certain anxiety, I am nevertheless sensible of their being too tepid. Alas, my Redeem-

er! why do I not sigh after Thee, with the same holy fervor as did the Patriarchs of the Old Law, who expected Thy coming? *Come, O Lord! and do not delay.* Remember, O heavenly Physician! that Thou canst not refuse Thy all-healing balsam to the wounds of my soul, since Thy motive for descending on earth was to heal the sins of men. Although I am needy and poor, yet Thou canst enrich me. Although I am enslaved under the tyranny of my predominant passions, yet Thou canst break my chains and set me at liberty: a single word of Thine would be altogether sufficient to work these miracles in favor of one so unworthy of Thy corporeal

presence as I am. Speak it, then, O Sovereign Good ! for I can no longer live without Thee. Let blind and infatuated worldlings intoxicate themselves with the false, transient, and fading happiness of this life ; as for my part, nothing besides Thyself can content me, either in heaven or on earth ; for what have I in heaven, or what can I desire on earth, beside Thee ? Come, then, O Thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ! Come, Thou beloved of my heart ! adorable flesh and precious blood of my Saviour ! Come, to nourish, comfort, and enliven my sickly soul. O God of my heart ! let me neither love, seek, nor think on

any other object but Thyself alone; for Thou alone art my consolation, my treasure, my joy, my life, my God, and my all. My heart as eagerly desires to receive Thee, as the wearied stag longs to quench his thirst in the fountains of water.

An Act of Fear.

IF the uncertainty of being worthy Thy love or hatred, O Lord! made even St. Paul, that vessel of election, tremble, how much more reason have not I to apprehend lest some concealed sin, lurking in my heart, might obstruct the salutary influence of those graces which Thou hast prepared for them that worthily re-

ceive Thee in this divine Sacrament? May not I, perhaps, like another Judas, give Thee the kiss of peace to-day, and basely betray Thee to-morrow? or, instead of coming to visit me, as a faithful disciple, dost Thou not rather come with horror and indignation, as to a concealed enemy? How can I answer for the integrity of my confession, the fervor of my contrition, or the sincerity of my resolutions? Is it not custom, or human respect, that brings me to the foot of Thy altar? Have I not still some favorite attachment? and in the resolution I have made of relinquishing my evil habits, have I not spared some favorite, though dangerous

passion? With the same heart-felt anguish as Thy disciples experienced on the like occasion, I ask Thee, O Lord! *Is it I?* but the most abominable traitor Judas asked Thee the same question. Is not my anxiety, as his was, only false and apparent? It is this thought, O my God! that terrifies me; and it is to Thyself alone I have recourse to preserve me from so horrible a sacrilege. No; Thou wilt never permit me to be guilty of so horrid a profanation, since Thou seest there is no evil I dread so much. Wherefore, my dear Saviour! after being as diligent as I could in my preparation to receive Thee, I now rest entirely on Thy infinite mercy.

Depart from me ; for I am a sinful man, O Lord ! Luke v. 8. Son, be of good heart ! thy sins are forgiven thee. Matt. ix. 2.

An Act of Contrition.

TO transform a soul so defiled as mine into a state of innocence and purity must be the work of the right hand of the Most High: Ah, my God ! I shall never be able to discover any vestige of that precious innocence which makes a soul so lovely and acceptable in Thy sight, unless I trace back my whole life to the days of my childhood. But although I have had the misfortune to forfeit my baptismal innocence by sin, yet there remains for my

consolation this sure anchor, whereby I may hope to regain Thy favor, grounded on Thy infallible promise, viz., *That Thou wilt never despise a contrite and humble heart.*

But if even the enormity of my sins had not exposed me to Thy wrath, and consequently to the eternal pains of hell, yet would I nevertheless sincerely detest them. O my God! do not upbraid me with mine iniquities, they are always in my sight; and the bitterness of my regret for having committed them, shall serve as a continual punishment of my baseness. Ah, my Redeemer! though I cannot suffer such an excessive degree of an-

guish as Thou didst during Thy agony in the garden of Gethsemani, when in a bloody sweat Thou didst offer Thyself as a victim to the eternal Father; yet I am fully determined to suffer with patience every cross or affliction which may fall in my way, as well in atonement for the sins I have hitherto committed, as to prevent me from future relapses. Assist me with Thy grace, O bountiful Saviour! and remove every occasion of sin from me; and as I dread no evil so much as that of offending Thee, rather cut the thread of my life, than suffer me again to commit a deliberate sin. O my amiable Saviour! inflamed with Thy love, I

am fully resolved to avoid every fault that may in the least displease Thee, or diminish the influence of Thy graces. Although I have a well-grounded confidence, that my soul has been cleansed in the Sacrament of Penance, still I desire to be washed more and more from my iniquities. *Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within my bowels.* Psalm l. 12.

An Act of Humility.

WHAT am I, O God of majesty and glory, or who am I, that Thou shouldst deign even to look on me? Whence am I honored with so unspeakable a favor as that my Lord and my

God should come and visit in person so miserable a sinner and vile a worm of the earth? How dares a being more contemptible than nothing approach so holy a God, eat the bread of angels, and feed on Thy divine flesh? Ah, Lord! it is too much; I am not worthy of so great a favor; I shall never, no, never, deserve it.

O King of heaven and earth! adorable Sovereign! the Author and Preserver of the universe! behold, I annihilate myself before Thee, protesting that I would humble myself as much for Thy glory as Thou dost here for my salvation. I acknowledge, with the most profound respect, the infinite grandeur of Thy divine Majesty and my

own miserable baseness. The contemplation of the one and the other fills me with inexpressible confusion. Can I possibly do more, my dear Saviour! than to confess, with the utmost humility, in the words of the centurion, *Lord! I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed?*

An Act of Faith.

SINCE Thou, omnipotent God! whose almighty words are creative, productive and effective; since Thou, O eternal Truth! who canst neither deceive nor be deceived; since Thou, I say, hast declared that Thou art *really* and

actually present under the appearance of material bread, I therefore implicitly believe it: for what greater proof can I require of the truth of this mystery than Thine own infallible word? Yes, my dear Saviour, I openly confess and am inwardly convinced that it is Thou Thyself I am going to receive; Thou who, for my sake, wast born in a manger; Thou who, for my redemption, didst die on a cross, and who, though now gloriously seated on Thy heavenly throne, still continuest on earth, under the sacramental veils, to feed and nourish the souls of men. Were I to behold Thee with my corporal eyes, and examine the impressions of the wounds

Thou didst receive in Thy sacred hands and side, as St. Thomas did, still I could not say with more confidence than I now do, that Thou art *my Lord and my God*. I do not ask a miracle as a proof of Thy real presence: no, Lord! let me rather have the whole merit of faith; for Thou hast said: *Blessed are they that have not seen and have believed*. Wast Thou, therefore, to speak to me from this very tabernacle, Thy voice would affect me less than that which resounds in Thy Gospel, and in Thy Church, founded by Thyself and propagated in a miraculous manner. Though to my senses it appears to be bread, yet, submitting them entirely in

obedience to divine faith, I answer, it is Thy real body and blood, accompanied by Thy soul and divinity. In this faith I am determined to live and die; and were I to suffer a thousand martyrdoms in testimony thereof, I am persuaded that, with the help of Thy grace, I would remain immovable. *Verily Thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour.* Is. xlv. *I do believe, O Lord! help Thou my unbelief.* Mark ix.

An Act of Hope.

SINCE Thou vouchsafest to come and dwell within me, O my Redeemer, what may I not expect from Thy bounty? I

therefore present myself before Thee with that lively confidence which Thy infinite goodness inspires. Thou not only knowest all my wants, but Thou art also willing and able to relieve them. Thou hast not only invited me, but also promised me Thy gracious assistance: *Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.* Behold then, O Lord ! I accept Thy gracious invitation : I lay before Thee all my wants, my misery and my blindness ; and confidently hope, without the fear of being disappointed, that Thou wilt enlighten my understanding, inflame my will, comfort me in the midst of such crosses or afflictions as Thou

hast appointed I should suffer, strengthen me in all temptations and trials, and with the powerful assistance of Thy grace, change me into a new creature; for art not Thou, O God, the master of my heart? and when shall my heart be more absolutely disposed of by Thee than when Thou shalt have once entered into it?

DEVOTIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

An Act of Faith and Admiration.

IS it creditable, then, O my soul! that the great God of heaven and earth should dwell in me? That I should now possess within myself the same Jesus who is sitting in heaven at the right hand of God, and who is there the joy

of saints and angels? Yes, O my Saviour! I firmly believe it. It is Thou, O God of glory! who art hidden under these sacramental veils, whom I have just now received, and who dost at this instant reside within me. It is Thou, O Sovereign Majesty! who vouchsafest to heap Thy favors on me, who am but dust and ashes, and come into this poor cottage, this house of clay of my earthly habitation. O heavenly manna! O adorable Sacrament! O inestimable pledge of God's love to mankind! O inexhaustible fountain of divine grace! O boundless mercy! O divine charity! O Lord my God! What is man that Thou art mindful of him? or

the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Oh how sweet, and mild, and merciful art Thou to those who call upon Thee! When I had no being at all Thou createdst me; when I was gone astray and lost in my sins Thou didst seek after me and redeem me by dying for my sake; and after restoring me to life, with more than a mother's love, Thou didst feed me with Thy own substance, even with Thy own flesh and blood! O wonderful condescension! O immense love bestowed on sinful man!

An Act of Adoration.

UNDER these sacred veils,
where Thy love for man has

concealed the splendor of Thy Majesty, I most humbly adore Thee, O Almighty God! The grandeur of the heavens is in Thy sight as nothing: the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they shall perish, but Thou shalt remain; they shall grow old and be changed as a garment, but Thou art the same and Thy years shall not fail. The earth Thou hast poised in Thy hand, the ocean is to Thee but a drop of water; all nature bends before Thee and trembles in Thy presence. How, then, shall I extol Thee, immortal King of Ages! What homage can I give proportioned to Thy greatness! Thou art the perfect image of Thy

Father's substance; Thou art the inherent splendor of His glory; Thou art His powerful word, supporting all things; Thee He hath seated at His right hand. Thy throne, O God! is for ever and ever: a sceptre of justice is the sceptre of Thy reign. I bow before Thy sacred Majesty; I acknowledge with the sincerest gratitude that Thou art my Redeemer, my Creator, and the Supreme Arbitrer of my eternal doom. I wish to humble myself as much for Thy sake as Thou art here humbled for love of me, and to consecrate to the glory of Thy name the whole extent of my being. O Jesus! be now the absolute Lord and Master of my heart.

Reign there as a sovereign Monarch on Thy throne; rule with an absolute sway over all the powers of my soul. Suffer not the devil or the world to have any part in me. Subdue my rebellious nature; deliver me from the shameful slavery of my passions, and grant me the glorious liberty of Thy children. O sweet empire of my God! O delightful service of Jesus! To serve Thee, O amiable King! is to reign.

An Act of Love.

AM I, then, my God! so happy as to possess Thee! What a blessing is this! what unspeakable comfort! Thou art, indeed, my Saviour; Thy goodness hath no

bounds; Thy beauty is inexpressible; Thou art the brightness of eternal light; the glory of heaven is from Thee. Thou art the unfailing source of endless happiness; the angels desire to behold Thee; Thou fillest the hearts of the blessed. Therefore will I love Thee, O amiable Redeemer! who hast loved me even unto death, and hast left me in this Sacrament the sweetest pledge of Thy affection. Oh, inflame my heart, burn and consume it with this heavenly fire! Let me love Thee above all things; let me love Thee more than myself; let me adhere to Thee always; let me never be separated from Thee. Yes, my God! I love Thee with all my

heart, with all my soul, with all my strength. I love Thee for Thy own sake, and I heartily wish that every object on earth may increase my love for Thee. If I cannot love Thee as much as I desire, as much as Thou hast loved me, as much as Thou deservest to be loved, may I, at least, love Thee as much as I am able. Let disgust and anguish embitter every other attachment, that I may be happily forced to rest on Thee alone. Make this love, I beseech Thee, effectual, ardent, and persevering, that its divine influence may support me in every trial, may purify my affections, and bring me securely to Thee.

An Act of Oblation.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all consolation! how hast Thou loved us, to whom Thou hast given Thy only begotten Son, once for our ransom and daily for the food of our souls! What can I, a wretched creature, return Thee for this infinite charity? Verily, nothing else but this same beloved Son of Thine, whom Thou hast given me, and surely Thou couldst give me nothing greater or more worthy of Thyself. Him, then, I offer to Thee, O Heavenly Father, with whom Thou art always well pleased; Him whom Thou hast lovingly delivered up to death for me, and given me in this most holy Sacrament which we fre-

quent for the everlasting memorial of His death. He is our High Priest and Victim; He is the Propitiation for the sins of whole world; He is our Advocate and Intercessor. Look down, then, upon Him, and for His sake look down upon me and upon us all. Remember all His sufferings, which He endured here in His mortal life, His bitter anguish, His mortal agony and bloody sweat, all the injuries and affronts, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises, and wounds that He received for us. Remember His death, which Thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and for the sake of His sacred passion have mercy on us. Re-

ceive, O holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God! this holy and unspotted Victim, which I here offer Thee, in union with that love with which He offered himself to Thee upon the altar of the cross. Receive Him for the praise and glory of Thy name; in thanksgiving for all the benefits bestowed upon me and on all mankind; in satisfaction, also, for all my sins and for the benefit of Thy whole Church, and the refreshment and succor of all Thy faithful, living and dead! through the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

WHEN I reflect, O my God!
on the innumerable bless-

ings and favors Thou hast heaped on me, from the first moment of my existence to the present hour, I am penetrated with confusion ; and my heart, overpowered with gratitude and love, is unable to express what I feel. I am surrounded on all sides with Thy benefits. Thou art not only the God of the universe ! Thou art also, in a special manner, a God to me ; so interested art Thou in all that concerns my welfare that Thy attention seems to be fixed on me alone. Thou hast given me all that I am, and even all that Thou art Thyself. I can call Thee, with as much reason as David could, *the God of my salvation and my mercy* ; my refuge

and my support; my treasure and my inheritance. What do I say? Dost Thou not deign at present to become my nourishment, to incorporate Thyself with my very substance, that I may know the extent of Thy love, and possess within my breast a pledge of eternal life? How great, then, will be my ingratitude if henceforward I do not endeavor, to the utmost of my ability, to correspond with this infinite love, this marked predilection! O my God! may I never be unmindful of Thy favors! may my right hand be forgotten and my tongue cleave to my mouth if ever I neglect to extol Thy mercies! But how shall I, a wretched, miserable creature,

make Thee a suitable return for all Thou hast done for me? In myself I have nothing, but do I not possess, in the invaluable gift I have just received, an adequate thanksgiving? an offering worthy of Thy supreme greatness? Accept, then, O omnipotent Lord! the uninterrupted praise and thanksgivings which Thy dear Son offered Thee from the moment of His incarnation to the close of His mortal life; particularly at the institution of this Sacrament, when, fully sensible of our weaknesses, and of the infinite value of the benefits then bestowed, He raised His eyes to Thee, O omnipotent Father! and in our name gave thanks. The sacrifice of my

whole being is not worthy to be presented to Thee; but in offering Thee to Thyself, I look on my debts as abundantly discharged. May Thy infinite mercies be for ever exalted for having given me so excellent a means of repaying, in some manner, all the obligations I have contracted towards Thy justice, as well as Thy mercy.

An Act of Petition.

O MOST merciful Saviour! Thou seest all my maladies, and all the wounds of my soul; Thou knowest how prone I am to evil, and how backward and sluggish to good. Thou seest this self-love, that tyrannizes over my soul, which is so deeply rooted in

my corrupt nature, and branches out into so many vices, so much pride and vanity, so much passion and envy, so much covetousness and worldly solicitude, so much sensuality and concupiscence. Oh, who can heal all these my evils, but Thou, the true physician of my soul, who givest me Thy Body and Blood in this blessed Sacrament, as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities, and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds. Dispel the darkness of ignorance and error from my understanding, by Thy heavenly light; drive away the corruption and malice of my will, by the fire of divine love and charity; restrain all the motions of concu-

piscence, and all the irregular sallies of passion, that they may no more prevail over me; strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude; destroy this monster of self-love, with its many heads, or, at least, chain down this worst of all my enemies, that it may no longer usurp the empire of my soul, which belongs to Thee, and which Thou hast taken possession of, this day; cut off the heads of this beast, and particularly that which annoys me most, and which is my predominant passion; stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions, and grant me this one favor, that I

may rather die a thousand deaths than live to offend Thee deliberately.

O my Jesus ! Thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are locked up in Thee ; these treasures Thou bringest with Thee when Thou comest to visit us in this blessed Sacrament, and Thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence to present Thee now with my petitions, and to beg of Thee those graces and virtues which I so much need, as Thou best knowest. Oh, increase and strengthen my belief of Thy heavenly truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be

guided by the maxims of Thy Gospel. Teach me to be poor in spirit, to take off my heart from the love of these transitory things, and to fix it upon eternity; teach me, by Thy divine example, and by Thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and humble of heart, and in my patience to possess my soul. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure; that I may ever bewail my past sins, and by a daily mortification restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things, teach me to love Thee; teach me to be ever recollected in Thee, and to walk always in Thy presence; teach me to love my friends in Thee, and

my enemies for Thee; grant me the grace to persevere to the end in this love. Let nothing in future be my comfort but Thou, O divine Jesus! nor let any thing afflict me hereafter but my sins and whatever is displeasing to Thy divine Majesty. O Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, purify me; Water issuing from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, graciously hear me; hide me within Thy wounds; suffer me never to be separated from Thee; call me at the hour of death, and command me to come to Thee, that I may associate with the saints and angels, and the

whole choir of celestial spirits, to sing forth canticles of praise and glory to Thy holy name for ever and ever, world without end. *Amen*, amen, sweet Jesus! amen.



Penitential Psalms.

These Psalms should be said on fasting days and other penitential times.

Anthem.—Remember not, O Lord! our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge for our sins.

Psalm vi.

Domine ne in Furore.

O LORD! rebuke me not in Thy indignation, nor chastise me in Thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord! for I am weak; heal me, O Lord! for all my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but Thou, O Lord! how long?

Turn to me, O Lord! and deliver my soul; oh, save me for Thy mercy's sake!

For there is no one in death, that is mindful of Thee; and who shall confess to Thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings; every night I will wash my bed; I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation; I have grown old among all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my sup-

plication; the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and very much troubled; let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm xxxi.

Beati Quorum.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old, whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to Thee; and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord: and Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee in a seasonable time.

Yet in the deluge of many waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me; my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way in which thou shalt go; I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become as the horse and mule, that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto Thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner; but mercy shalt encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just! and glory, all ye right of heart!

Glory, etc.

Psalm xxxvii.

Domine ne in Furore.

REBUKE me not, O Lord ! in
Thy indignation, nor chas-
tise me in Thy wrath.

For Thy arrows are fastened in
me, and Thy hand hath been
strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh,
because of Thy wrath ; there is no
peace for my bones, because of
my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over
my head ; and as a heavy burden
are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrefied and cor-
rupted, because of my foolish-
ness.

I am become miserable, and
am bowed down even to the end :

I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

O Lord! all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me; and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off; and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I, as a dumb man, not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath no re-proofs in his mouth.

For in Thee, O Lord! have I hoped; Thou wilt hear me, O Lord! my God! •

For I said: Lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me; and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges; and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity ;
and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live and are
stronger than I ; and they that
hate me wrongfully are multi-
plied.

They that render evil for good
have detracted me, because I fol-
lowed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord ! my
God ! do not Thou depart from
me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord !
the God of my salvation !

Glory, etc.

Psalm l.

Miserere.

HAVE mercy on me, O God ! ac-
cording to Thy great mercy.

And, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To Thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before Thee, that Thou mayest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art judged.

For behold ! I was conceived in iniquities ; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold Thou hast loved truth ; the uncertain and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing Thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that are humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God! and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from Thy face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust Thy

ways; and the wicked shall be converted to Thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God! Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall extol Thy justice.

O Lord! Thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I could indeed have given it; with burnt offerings Thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit; a contrite and humbled heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord! in Thy good will with Sion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou accept the sac-

rifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon Thy altar.

Glory, etc.

Psalm ci.

Domine Exaudi.

HEAR, O Lord! my prayer,
and let my cry come to Thee.

Turn not away Thy face from me; in the day when I am in trouble, incline Thine ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon Thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry as fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered, because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness; I am like a night raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the housetop.

All the day long my enemies reproached me, and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of Thy anger and indignation, for having lifted me up, Thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a

shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O Lord! endurest for ever; and Thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion; for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased Thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear Thy name, O Lord! and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion, and He shall be seen in His glory.

He hath had regard to the prayers of the humble; and He

hath not despised their petition. Let these things be written unto another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because He hath looked forth from His high sanctuary; from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That He might hear the groans of them that are in fetters; that He might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and His praise in Jerusalem.

When the peoples assemble together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way

of his strength : declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days ; Thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord ! Thou foundest the earth ; and the heavens are the works of Thy hand.

They shall perish, but Thou remainest ; and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture Thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed ; but Thou art always the self-same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue ; and their seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxxix.

De Profundis.

OUT of the depths I have cried
to Thee, O Lord ! Lord ! hear
my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the
voice of my petition.

If Thou, O Lord ! wilt mark in-
iquities, Lord ! who shall stand it ?

For with Thee there is merciful
forgiveness : and by reason of Thy
law I have waited for Thee, O
Lord !

My soul hath relied on His
word ; my soul hath hoped in
the Lord.

From the morning watch even
until night, let Israel hope in the
Lord.

Because with the Lord there is

mercy, and with Him plentiful redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxlii.

Domine Exaudi.

HEAR, O Lord! my prayer!
Give ear to my supplication in
Thy truth; hear me in Thy justice.

And enter not into judgment
with Thy servant; for in Thy
sight no man living shall be
justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted
my soul; he hath brought down
my life to the earth.

He hath made me dwell in
darkness, as those that have been
dead of old; and my spirit is in

anguish within me, my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old ;
I meditated on all Thy works ; I
meditated on the works of Thy
hands.

I stretched forth my hands to
Thee ; my soul is as earth without
water unto Thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord ! my
spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away Thy face from
me, lest I be like unto them that
go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy mercy in
the morning, for in Thee I have
hoped.

Make the way known to me
wherein I should walk ; for I
have lifted up my soul to Thee.

Deliver me from my enemies,
O Lord; to Thee have I fled;
teach me to do Thy will, for Thou
art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me
into the right land; for Thy
name's sake, O Lord! Thou wilt
quicken me in Thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of
trouble; and in Thy mercy Thou
wilt destroy my enemies.

And Thou wilt cut off all them
that afflict my soul, for I am Thy
servant.

Glory, etc.

Anthem.—Remember not, O
Lord! our offences, nor those of
our parents, and take not revenge
for our sins.

The Litany of the Saints.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us! *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven! *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world!
have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Ghost! *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God! *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and Arch-
angels,

Pray for us.

All ye holy Orders of blessed
Spirits,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and
Prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon.
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnabas,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,

All ye holy Apostles and Evan-
gelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our
Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Laurence,
St. Vincent,
St. Fabian and St. Sebastian,
St. John and St. Paul,
St. Cosmas and St. Damian,
St. Gervase and St. Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
St. Jerome,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas.
All ye holy Bishops and Con-
fessors,

Pray for us.

All ye holy Doctors, St. Anthony, St. Benedict, St. Bernard, St. Dominic, St. Francis, All ye holy Priests and Levites, All ye holy Monks and Hermits, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Agatha, St. Lucy, St. Agnes, St. Cecilia, St. Catherine, St. Anatasia, All ye holy Virgins and Widows, All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, <i>Make intercession for us!</i> Be merciful unto us. <i>Spare us, O</i> <i>Lord!</i> Be merciful unto us. <i>Graciously hear</i> <i>us, O Lord!</i>	} <i>Pray for us.</i>
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From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From a sudden and unprovided
death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-
will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy
holy Incarnation,
Through Thy Coming,
Through Thy Nativity,
Through Thy Baptism and holy
Fasting,
Through Thy Cross and Passion,
Through Thy Death and Burial,
Through Thy holy Resurrection,
Through Thy admirable Ascen-
sion,

O Lord ! deliver us.

Through the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete. *O Lord! deliver us.*

In the day of judgment. *O Lord! deliver us.*

We sinners *Beseech Thee hear us.*

That Thou spare us,

That Thou pardon us,

That Thou vouchsafe to bring us
to true penance,

That Thou vouchsafe to govern
and preserve Thy holy Church,

That Thou vouchsafe to preserve
our Apostolic Prelate and all
ecclesiastical orders in Thy
holy religion,

That Thou vouchsafe to hum-
ble the enemies of Thy holy
Church,

That Thou vouchsafe to give
peace and true concord to
Christian kings and princes,

We beseech Thee hear us.

That Thou vouchsafe to grant
peace and unity to all Chris-
tian people,

That Thou vouchsafe to confirm
and preserve us in Thy holy
service,

That Thou lift up our minds to
heavenly desires,

That Thou render eternal good
things to all our benefactors,

That Thou deliver our souls, and
those of our brethren, kinsfolk,
and benefactors, from eternal
damnation,

That Thou vouchsafe to give
and preserve the fruits of the
earth,

We beseech Thee hear us.

That Thou vouchsafe to give eter-
nal rest to all the faithful departed.
We beseech Thee hear us.

That Thou vouchsafe graciously to
hear us. *We beseech Thee hear us.*

Son of God. *We beseech Thee hear us.*
 Lamb of God ! who takest away the
 sins of the world ! *Spare us, O Lord !*
 Lamb of God ! who takest away the
 sins of the world ! *Hear us, O Lord !*
 Lamb of God ! who takest away the
 sins of the world ! *Have mercy on us !*
 Christ, hear us ; *Christ ! graciously*
hear us.

Lord ! have mercy on us ; *Christ !*
have mercy on us ; Lord ! have mercy
 on us. Our Father, etc.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Psalm lxi.

O GOD ! come to my assistance : O
 Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and
 ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward and blush for shame that desire evils to me.

Let them be presently turned away blushing for shame that say to me: 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee, and let such as love Thy salvation say always: The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor; O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Save Thy servants.

R. Trusting in Thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O God, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff, N.

R. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon earth, and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who have done us good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O my God, save Thy servants trusting in Thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from Thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! whose property is always to show mercy and to forgive, receive our petitions, that we and all Thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin may, by the compassion of Thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to Thee, that in Thy bounty

Thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

Out of Thy clemency, O Lord, show Thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so Thou mayest acquit us of our sins and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God ! who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and eternal God ! have mercy on Thy servant, *N.*, our chief Bishop, and direct him according to Thy clemency in the way of everlasting salvation, that

by Thy grace he may desire those things that are agreeable to Thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God! from whom proceed holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give to Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be disposed to keep Thy commandments, and, the fear of enemies being removed, the times, through Thy protection, may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of Thy holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a clean heart.

O God! the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give

to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee, and by Thee be happily ended.

O Almighty and eternal God! who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom Thou knowest shall be Thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers,

whether this world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may, by the clemency of Thy goodness, all Thy Saints interceding for them, obtain the remission of all their sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. May the Almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Manner of Serving a Priest at Mass.

[The clerk must kneel at his left hand,
and answer him as follows:]

P. In Nomine Patris, et Filii,
et Spiritus Sancti.

C. Amen.

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum, qui lætificat ju-
ventutem meam.

P. Judica me Deus, et discerne
causam meam, de gente non
sancta: ab homini iniquo et do-
loso erue me.

C. Quia tu es Deus, fortitudo
mea: quare me repulisti, et quare

tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus.

P. Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam; ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum et in tabernacula tua.

C. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus. Quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

C. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi; salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

C. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

C. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo, etc.

C. Misereatur tui Omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, perducatur te ad vitam æternam.

P. Amen.

C. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper virgini, beato Michaeli archangelo, beato Joanni baptistæ, sanctis apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus sanctis, et tibi, Pater, quia peccavi nimis, cogitatione, verbo, et opere. [*Strike your breast and say:*] Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper virginem, beatum Michaellem archangelum, beatum Joannem baptistam, sanctos apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te, Pater—orare pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P. Misereatur vestri, etc.

C. Amen.

P. Indulgentiam, absolutionem, etc.

C. Amen.

[At a Bishop's Mass here give him the
maniple.]

P. Deus: tu conversus vivificabis nos.

C. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

C. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

C. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[Here rise and kneel on lower step of the altar.]

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Christe eleison.

P. Christe eleison.

C. Christe eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

C. Kyrie eleison.

P. Kyrie eleison.

P. Dominus vobiscum *or* Flectamus genua.

C. Et cum spirituo tuo *or* Levate.

[At the end of the Epistle say *Deo gratias*; then remove the mass-book, and always kneel or stand on the side of the altar opposite the book.]

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum, etc.

[Making the sign of the Cross, say:]

C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

[Make a reverence at the beginning and ending of the Gospel, and at the name of Jesus, and at the end say:]

C. Laus tibi, Christe.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[Here the clerk is to give wine and water and prepare the basin, water, and towel

for the Priest. The priest having washed his hands, let the clerk kneel in his former place and answer.]

P. Orate, fratres, etc.

C. Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sursum corda.

C. Habemus ad Dominum.

P. Gratias agamus Domine Deo nostro.

C. Dignum et justum est.

[At *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*, etc., ring the little bell.]

[When you see the Priest spread his hands over the chalice, you must give warning, by the bell, of the consecration which is about to be made. Then holding up the vestment with your left hand, and having the bell in your right, you must ring during the elevation of the Host. As often as you pass by the Blessed Sacrament you must make a genuflection.]

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

C. Sed libera nos a malo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Pax tecum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

[Pausing a little, rise and make an adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. The Priest's Communion being ended, be ready to give him wine and water. If there be communicants, provide a towel and say the *Confiteor*. After they have received, remove the book to the left hand of the altar, take away the towel from the communicants, if there be any, and return to your former place.]

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

C. Amen.

P. Ite; missa est, *or* Benedicamus Domino.

C. Deo gratias.

[In Masses for the Dead:]

P. Requiescant in pace.

C. Amen.

[Remove the book, if it be left open; kneel and take the Priest's blessing.]

P. Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

[At a Bishop's Mass.]

P. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

C. Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

C. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

C. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum.

C. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Initium (or Sequentia) Sancti Evangelii, etc.

C. Gloria tibi, Domine.

[At the end say, *Deo Gratias.*]

The Way of the Cross.

BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI.

Kneeling before the altar, make an Act of Contrition, and form the intention of gaining the indulgences, whether for yourself or for the souls in Purgatory. Then say :

MY Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, and I have so many times unworthily abandoned Thee; but now I love Thee with my whole heart, and because I love Thee I repent sincerely for having ever offended

Thee. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. Thou goest to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of Thee. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to Thee.

Dear Jesus, Thou dost go to die
For very love of me:
Ah! let me bear Thee company;
I wish to die with Thee.

FIRST STATION.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.
Consider how Jesus, after having been

scourged and crowned with thorns,
was unjustly condemned by Pilate to
die on the Cross.

MY adorable Jesus, it was not
Pilate: no, it was my sins
that condemned Thee to die. I
beseech Thee, by the merits of
this sorrowful journey, to assist
my soul in her journey towards
eternity. I love Thee, my beloved
Jesus; I love Thee more than
myself; I repent with my whole
heart of having offended Thee.
Never permit me to separate my-
self from Thee again. Grant that
I may love Thee always; and then
do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory
be to the Father. Dear Jesus,
etc.

SECOND STATION.

JESUS IS MADE TO BEAR HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how Jesus, in making this journey with the Cross on His shoulders thought of us, and for us offered to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

MY most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the tribulations Thou hast destined for me until death. I beseech Thee, by the merits of the pain Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy Cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. I love Thee, Jesus my love; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me

to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

THIRD STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME UNDER
HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider this first fall of Jesus under His Cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, His head crowned with thorns, and He had lost a great quantity of blood. He was so weakened that He could scarcely walk, and yet He had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely, and thus He fell several times in His journey.

MY Jesus, it is not the weight of the Cross, but of my sins, which has made Thee suffer so much pain. Ah! by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin. I love Thee, O my Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

FOURTH STATION.

JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. Jesus and Mary looked at each other, and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

MY most loving Jesus, by the sorrow that Thou didst experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for Thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me, by thy intercession, a continual and tender remembrance of the Passion of thy Son. I love Thee, Jesus my love; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory
be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

FIFTH STATION.

THE CYRENIAN HELPS JESUS TO
CARRY HIS CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how the Jews, seeing that at each step Jesus from weakness was on the point of expiring, and fearing that He would die on the way, when they wished Him to die the ignominious death of the Cross, constrained Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross behind our Lord.

MY most beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the Cross as the Cyrenian did; I accept it—I embrace it. I accept in particular the death Thou hast destined for

me, with all the pains which may accompany it ; I unite it to Thy death—I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me ; I will die for love of Thee, and to please Thee. Help me by Thy grace. I love Thee, Jesus my love ; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always ; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

SIXTH STATION.

VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF
JESUS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.
R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so afflicted, and His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him with a towel, with which He wiped His adorable face, leaving on it the impression of His holy countenance.

MY most beloved Jesus, Thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas! my soul also was once beautiful, when it received Thy grace in Baptism; but I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, canst restore it to its former beauty. Do this by Thy Passion, O Jesus. I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that

I may love Thee always; and then
do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory
be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

SEVENTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider the second fall of Jesus under
the Cross—a fall which renews the
pain of all the wounds of the head
and members of our afflicted Lord.

MY most gentle Jesus, how
many times Thou hast pardoned me, and how many times
have I fallen again, and begun
again to offend Thee! Oh, by
the merits of this new fall, give
me the necessary helps to perse-

vere in Thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me I may always commend myself to Thee. I love Thee, Jesus my love, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

EIGHTH STATION.

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF
JERUSALEM.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how those women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in such a

pitiable state, streaming with blood, as He walked along. But Jesus said to them: *Weep not for Me, but for your children.*

MY Jesus, laden with sorrows,
I weep for the offences I
have committed against Thee,
because of the pains they have
deserved, and still more because
of the displeasure they have caused
Thee, who hast loved me so much.
It is Thy love, more than the fear
of hell, which causes me to weep
for my sins. My Jesus, I love
Thee more than myself; I repent
of having offended Thee. Never
permit me to offend Thee again.
Grant that I may love Thee al-
ways; and then do with me what
Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory
be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

NINTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ.

His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He had scarcely strength to move.

AH, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness Thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect, and all my wicked passions, which have led me to despise Thy friendship. I love Thee, Jesus my love, with my whole heart; I repent

of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

TENTH STATION.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated, and say to Him:

MY innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torment Thou

hast felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth, in order that I may place all my love in Thee, who art so worthy of my love. I love Thee, O Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

ELEVENTH STATION.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how Jesus, after being thrown

on the Cross, extended His hands, and offered to His Eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation. These barbarians fastened Him with nails, and then, raising the Cross, allowed Him to die with anguish on this infamous gibbet.

MY Jesus! loaded with contempt, nail my heart to Thy feet, that it may ever remain there, to love Thee, and never quit Thee again. I love Thee more than myself; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

TWELFTH STATION.

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how thy Jesus, after three hours' Agony on the Cross, consumed at length with anguish, abandons Himself to the weight of His body, bows His head, and dies.

O MY dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the Cross on which Thou didst die for love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death, but Thy death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of Thy death, give me grace to die, embracing Thy feet, and burning with love to Thee. I commit my soul into Thy hands.

I love Thee with my whole heart ;
I repent of ever having offended
Thee. Never permit me to offend
Thee again. Grant that I may
love Thee always ; and then do
with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory
be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

THIRTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE
CROSS.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how, after the death of our
Lord, two of His disciples, Joseph and
Nicodemus, took Him down from the
Cross, and placed Him in the arms of
His afflicted Mother, who received
Him with unutterable tenderness, and
pressed Him to her bosom.

O MOTHER of sorrow, for the love of this Son, accept me for thy servant, and pray to Him for me. And Thou, my Redeemer, since Thou hast died for me, permit me to love Thee; for I wish but Thee, and nothing more. I love Thee, my Jesus, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father. Dear Jesus, etc.

FOURTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS PLACED IN THE SEPULCHRE.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, etc.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross, etc.

Consider how the disciples carried the body of Jesus to bury it, accompanied by His holy Mother, who arranged it in the sepulchre with her own hands. They then closed the tomb, and all withdrew.

AH, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that encloses Thee. But Thou didst rise again the third day. I beseech Thee by Thy Resurrection, make me rise glorious with Thee at the last day, to be always united with Thee in heaven, to praise Thee and love Thee for ever. I love Thee, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always; and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory

be to the Father. Dear Jesus,
etc.

After this, say the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be to the Father five times, in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ, to gain the other indulgences granted to those who recite them.

Lastly, say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

Vespers for Sundays.

PATER noster, etc.
Ave Maria, etc.

V. DEUS, in adjutorium meum
intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me
festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio et
Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et
nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæ-
culorum. *Amen. Alleluia. In*
Lent: Laus tibi, Domine, Rex
æternæ gloriæ.

Psalm cix.

DIXIT Dominus Domino meo :
* Sede a dextris meis :

Vespers for Sundays.

OUR Father, etc.
Hail Mary, etc.

V. INCLINE unto my aid, O
God!

R. O Lord! make haste to help
me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and
to Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. *Amen. Alleuia. In
Lent: Praise be to Thee, O Lord!
King of eternal glory.*

Psalm cix.

THE Lord said to my Lord:
Sit Thou at my right hand;

Donec ponam inimicos tuos, *
scabellum pedum tuorum.

Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet
Dominus ex Sion: * dominare
in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtu-
tis tuæ in splendoribus sancto-
rum: * ex utero ante luciferum
genui te.

Juravit Dominus, et non pœni-
tebit eum: * Tu es sacerdos in
æternum secundum ordinem Mel-
chisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis, * con-
fregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus, imple-

Until I make Thy enemies Thy footstool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of Thy power out of Sion : rule Thou in the midst of Thy enemies.

With Thee is the principality in the day of Thy strength : in the brightness of the saints : from the womb before the day-star I begot Thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent : Thou art a priest for ever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at Thy right hand, hath broken kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among nations ;

bit ruinas: * conquassabit capita
in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: * prop-
terea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm cx.

CONFITEBOR tibi Domine in
toto corde meo: * in concilio
justorum, et congregatione.

Magna opera Domini; * exqui-
sita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Confessio et magnificentia opus
ejus; * et justitia ejus manet in
sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium su-

He shall fill ruins: He shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way; therefore shall He lift up the head.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Psalm cx.

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord! with my whole heart; in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord; sought out according to all His wills.

His work is praise and magnificence; and His justice continueth for ever and ever.

He hath made a remembrance

orum, misericors et miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo:

Ut det illis hæreditatem gentium: * opera manuum ejus, veritas et judicium.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi; * facta in veritate et æquitate.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: * mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum, et terribile nomen

of His wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord; He hath given food to them that fear Him.

He will be mindful for ever of His covenant: He will show forth to His people the power of His works:

That He may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles; the works of His hands are truth and judgment.

All His commandments are faithful; confirmed for ever and ever, made in truth and equity.

He hath sent redemption to His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever.

Holy and terrible is His name:

ejus: * initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: * laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm cxi.

BEATUS vir, qui timet Dominum: * in mendatus ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus: * generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen

the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it: His praise continueth for ever and ever.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxi.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: He shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth, the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen

rectis : * misericors et miserator,
et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur
et commodat, disponet sermones
suos in judicio : * quia in æternum
non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit justus :
* ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in
Domino, confirmatum est cor
ejus : * non commovebitur donec
despiciat inimicos suos.

Dispersit, debet pauperibus : jus-
titia ejus manet in sæculum sæcu-
li, * cornu ejus exaltabitur in
gloria.

Peccator videbit, et irascetur,

up in darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate and just.

Acceptable is the man that showeth mercy and lendeth; he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved for ever.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened, he shall not be moved until he look over his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see, and shall

dentibus suis fremet et tabescet;
desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm cxii.

LAUDATE pueri Dominum:
* laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum,
* ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæcu-
lum.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum,
* laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes
Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria
ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus nos.

be angry ; he shall gnash with his teeth, and pine away : the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxii.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children :
praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations ; and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God,

ter, qui in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem, * et de stercore erigens pauperem :

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum lætantes.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Psalm cxiii.

IN exitu Israel de Ægypto, * domus Jacob de populo barbaro.

Facta est Judæa sanctificatio ejus, * Israel protectas ejus.

who dwelleth on high, and looketh down on the low things in heaven and earth.

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dunghill:

That he may place him with princes, with the princes of His people.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxiii.

WHEN Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob, from a barbarous people:

Judea was made his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Mare vidit, et fugit: * Jordanis
conversus est retrorsum.

Montes exultaverunt ut arietes :
* et colles sicut agni ovium ?

Quid est tibi mare quod fugisti :
* et tu Jordanis quia conversus est
retrorsum ?

Montes exultastis sicut arietes,
* et colles sicut agni ovium ?

A facie Domini moto est terra,
* a facie Dei Jacob.

Qui convertit petram in stagna
aquarum, * et rupem in fontes
aquarum.

Non nobis Domine, non nobis ;
* sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

The sea saw, and fled : Jordan was turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

What aileth thee, O thou sea ! that thou didst flee ? and thou, O Jordan ! that thou wast turned back ?

Ye mountains ! that ye skipped like rams, and ye hills ! like lambs of the flock ?

At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the rock into pools of waters, and the stony hill into fountains of waters.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us ; but to Thy name give glory.

Super misericordia tua, et veritate tua; * nequando dicant gentes; Ubi est Deus eorum?

Deus autem noster in cœlo:
* omnia quaecumque voluit fecit.

Simulacra gentium argentum et aurum, * opera manuum hominum.

Os habent, et non loquentur:
* oculos habent, et non videbunt.

Aures habent, et non audient;
* nares habent, et non odorabunt.

Manus habent, et non palpabunt: pedes habent, et non ambulabunt: * non clamabunt in gutture suo:

Similes illis fiant qui faciunt ea: * et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say: Where is their God?

But our God is in heaven: he hath done all things whatsoever he would.

The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold, the works of the hands of men.

They have mouths, and speak not; they have eyes, and see not.

They have ears, and hear not, they have noses, and smell not:

They have hands, and feel not: they have feet and walk not: neither shall they cry out through their throat:

Let them that make them become like unto them, and all such as trust in them.

Domus Israel speravit in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector, eorum est.

Domus Aaron speravit in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector, eorum est.

Qui timent Dominum, speraverunt in Domino: * adjutor eorum et protector, eorum est.

Dominus memor fuit nostri: * et benedixit nobis.

Benedixit domui Israel: * benedixit domui Aaron.

Benedixit omnibus, qui timent Dominum, * pusillis cum majoribus.

Adjiciat Dominus super vos; * super vos, et super filios vestros.

The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

They that fear the Lord have hoped in the Lord: He is their helper and their protector.

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and hath blessed us.

He hath blessed the house of Israel: he hath blessed the house of Aaron.

He hath blessed all that fear the Lord, both little and great.

May the Lord add blessings upon you; upon you, and upon your children.

Benedicti vos a Domino * qui fecit cœlum et terram.

Cœlum cœli Domino: * terram autem dedit filiis hominum.

Non mortui laudabunt te Domine: * neques omnes, qui descendunt in infernum.

Sed nos qui vivimus, benedicimus, Domino, * ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

The following Psalm is sung on sundry festivals, in place of the foregoing.

Psalm cxvi.

LAUDATE Dominum, omnes gentes: * laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super

Blessed be you of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

The heaven of heaven is the
Lord's: but the earth He hath
given to the children of men.

The dead shall not praise Thee,
O Lord! nor any of them that go
down to hell.

But we that live bless the Lord,
from this time now and for ever.

Glory, etc.

The following Psalm is sung on sundry
festivals, in place of the foregoing.

Psalm cxvi.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye na-
tions: praise Him, all ye
people.

For His mercy is confirmed

nos misericordia ejus : * et veritas
Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

Capitulum, 2 Cor. i.

BENEDICTUS Deus et Pater
Domini nostri Jesu Christi,
Pater misericordiarum, et Deus
totius consolationis, qui consolatur
nos in omni tribulatione nostra.

R. Deo gratias.

The Hymn.

LUCIS Creator optime !
Lucem dierum proferens,

Primordiis lucis novæ,

Mundi parans originem.

upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory, etc.

Capitulum, 2 Cor. i.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulations.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Hymn.

O GREAT Creator of the light!
Who from the darksome womb
of night,
Brought'st forth new light at nature's birth.
To shine upon the face of earth;

Qui mane junctum vesperi,

Diem vocari precipis ;

Illabitur tetrum chaos ;

Audi preces cum fletibus ;

Ne mens, gravata crimine,

Vitæ sit exul munere ;

Dum nil perenne cogitat,

Seseque culpis illigat.

Cœleste pulset ostium,

Vitale tollat præmium :

Vitemus omne noxium :

Purgemus omne pessimum.

Who, by the morn and evening
ray,
Hast measured time and called it
day :
Whilst sable night involves the
spheres,
Vouchsafe to hear our prayers and
tears ;

Lest our frail mind, with sin de-
filed,
From gift of life should be exiled,
Whilst on no heavenly thing she
thinks ;
But twines herself in Satan's links.

Oh may she soar to heaven above,
The happy seat of life and love ;
Meantime, all sinful actions shun,
And satisfy for evil done.

Præsta, Pater piissime !

Patrique compar unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,

Regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratia mea,

R. Sicut incensum in conspectu
tuo.

The Magnificat ; or, the Canticle of
the Blessed Virgin : St. Luke i.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea
Dominum.

Et exultavit spiritus meus * in
Deo salutari meo.

This prayer, most gracious Father!
hear;

Thy equal Son incline His ear,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and
Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.

V. Let my prayer, O Lord! be
directed

R. As incense in Thy sight.

The Magnificat; or, the Canticle of
the Blessed Virgin: St. Luke i.

MY soul doth magnify the
Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.

Qui respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ, * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est; * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies, * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo : * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede : * et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis : * et divites dimisit inanes.

Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His name.

And His mercy is from generation to generation to them that fear Him.

He hath showed might in His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat; and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum;
* recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros; * Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, etc.

[Then follows the prayer, which is different every Sunday.]

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.

R. Amen.

Pater noster, etc.

[When Complin is not said immediately after Vespers, after the verse, Fidelium

He hath received Israel His servant; being mindful of His mercy.

As He spoke to our fathers; to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory, etc.

[Then follows the prayer, which is different every Sunday.]

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. *Amen.*

Our Father, etc.

[When Complin is not said immediately after Vespers, after the verse, Fidelium

animæ, etc.,—May the souls, etc., and Our Father, are said.]

V. Dominus det nobis suam pacem.

R. Et vitam æternam. *Amen.*

[Then is said one of the following anthems, according to the time.]

The Anthem, from the first Sunday of Advent till the Purification, inclusive.

ALMA Redemptoris, mater,
quæ pervia cœli;

Porta manes, et stella maris,
succurre cadenti,

Surgere qui curat populo; tu
quæ genuisti,

Natura mirante, tuum sanctum
genitorem,

Virgo prius ac posterius; Ga-
brielis ab ore,

animæ, etc.,—May the souls, etc., and Our Father, are said.]

V. May the Lord grant us His peace!

R. And life everlasting. *Amen.*

[Then is said one of the following anthems, according to the time.]

The Anthem, from the first Sunday of Advent till the Purification, inclusive.

MOTHER of Jesus! heaven's
open gate,

Star of the sea, support the
fallen state

Of mortals; thou whose womb
thy Maker bore;

And yet, strange thing, a virgin,
as before;

Who didst, from Gabriel's hail,
this news receive,

Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum
miserere.

In Advent.

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit
Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu
Sancto.

Oremus.

GRATIAM tuam quæsumus
Domine! mentibus nostris
infunde: ut qui, angelo nuntiante,
Christi, Filii tui incarnationem
cognovimus, per passionem, ejus
et crucem, ad resurrectionis glo-
riam perducamur. Per eundem
Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

In Advent.

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us Pray.

POUR forth, we beseech Thee,
O Lord! Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by His passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Christmas Day to the Purification.

V. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei genitrix! intercede pro nobis.

Oremus.

DEUS! qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstisti: tribu, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam, meruimus Auctorem vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum.

R. Amen.

From Christmas Day to the Purification.

V. After childbirth Thou didst remain an inviolate virgin.

R. Mother of God! make intercession for us.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! who by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

R. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

AVE, Regina cœlorum !

Ave, domina angelorum !

Salve, radix ! salve, porta !

Ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude, virgo gloriosa !

Super omnes speciosa ;

Vale, O valde decora !

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

V. Dignare me laudare te, virgo
sacrata !

From the Purification till Easter.

HAIL, Mary, queen of heaven-spheres !

Hail, whom the angelic host reveres.

Hail, fruitful root ! hail, sacred gate !

Whence the world's light derives its date.

O glorious maid, with beauty blessed !

May joys eternal fill Thy breast !

Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,

Thy prayers with Christ for us employ.

V. Vouchsafe, O sacred virgin ! to accept my praises.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra
hostes tuos.

Oremus.

CONCEDE, misericors Deus!
fragilitati nostræ præsidium!
ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis me-
moriam agimus, intercessionis ejus
auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus re-
surgamus. Per eundem Christum,
Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

REGINA cæli! lætare, Alle-
luia!

Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit Alleluia.

R. Give me power against thy enemies.

Let us Pray.

GRANT us, O merciful God! strength against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy mother of God, may by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

O QUEEN of heaven! rejoice, Alleluia;

For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.

Is risen again as He said, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria! Alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS! qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ. Per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

SALVE, regina, mater misericordiæ! vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve!

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

O GOD! who by the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech Thee, that by the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

HAIL, O Queen, O mother of mercy! hail, our life, our comfort, and our hope!

Ad te clamamus, exules filii
Evæ. Ad te suspiramus, gemen-
tes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum
valle.

Eia ergo advocata nostra, illos
tuos misericordes oculos ad nos
converte.

Et Jesum benedictum fructum
ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium
ostende;

O clemens! O pia! O dulcis
Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei
genitrix!

R. Ut digni efficiamur promis-
sionibus Christi.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne
Deus! qui gloriosæ Virginis

We, the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up our sighs, groaning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Come, then, our advocate, and look upon us with those thy pitying eyes.

And after this our banishment, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb ;

O merciful ! O pious ! O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy mother of God !

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God !
who, by the co-operation of

Matris Mariæ corpus et animam,
ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum
effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto co-
operante, præparasti; da, ut cujus
commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia
intercessione ab instantibus malis,
et a morte perpetua liberemur.
Per eundem Christum Dominum
nostrum.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat
semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious virgin mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for Thy Son ; grant, that as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death : through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

The Benediction.

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

When the priest opens the tabernacle
and incenses the Blessed Sacrament,
is sung the Hymn :

O SALUTARIS Hostia,

Quæ cœli pândis ostium :
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

Amen.

The Benediction.

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

When the priest opens the tabernacle
and incenses the Blessed Sacrament,
is sung the Hymn :

O SAVING Victim, opening
wide

The gate of heav'n to man below!
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength
bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

After which follows the *Litany of the Blessed Virgin* (see p. 32), or some Psalm, or Antiphon, or Hymn appropriate to the Feast, or in honor of the most holy Sacrament.

Then is sung the hymn *Tantum ergo Sacramentum*.

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui :
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

After which follows the *Litany of the Blessed Virgin* (see p. 32), or some Psalm, or Antiphon, or Hymn appropriate to the Feast, or in honor of the most holy Sacrament.

Then is sung the hymn *Tantum ergo Sacramentum*.

DOWN in adoration falling,
Lo, the sacred Host we hail;
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on
high,
With the Holy Ghost proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty!

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti
eis. Alleluia.

R. Omne delectamentum in se
habentem. Alleluia.

Oremus.

DEUS, qui nobis sub Sacra-
mento mirabili, passionis
tuæ memoriam reliquisti : tribue,
quæsumus, ita nos corporis et san-
guinis tui sacra mysteria venerari ;
ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in
nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis,
etc. *Amen.*

Here the Benediction is given with the
Blessed Sacrament, all bowing down in
profound adoration, and beseeching
His blessing on themselves, and on the
whole Church, and upon the world.

V. Thou didst give them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Containing in itself all sweetness. Alleluia.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, who under a wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever feel within us the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest, etc. *Amen.*

Here the Benediction is given with the Blessed Sacrament, all bowing down in profound adoration, and beseeching His blessing on themselves, and on the whole Church, and upon the world.

Devotion of the Forty Hours.

Its Institution, and the Indulgences
Attached.

THE Forty Hours' Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was introduced first in Milan, in the year 1534, in memory of the forty hours during which the Sacred Body of our Lord reposed in the sepulchre. This pious exercise spread afterward to other cities of Italy, and by the instrumentality of St. Philip Neri, was celebrated at Rome especially with

great solemnity, A. D. 1548, in the church of the Most Holy Trinity of the Pilgrims, on the first Sunday of every month, and A. D. 1551 on every third Sunday of the month in the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Prayer. In other churches also this pious exercise was practised, that the devotion of the faithful toward this most Holy Sacrament might be satisfied. Finally, in the year 1592, Clement VIII., in his Constitution *Graves et diuturnæ* (Nov. 25), seeking a heavenly remedy for the public calamities of the Church, ordained, that this Devotion of the Forty Hours, beginning from the First Sunday of Advent, on which day it would

be celebrated every year in the Chapel of the Apostolic Palace, should proceed from one church of the city of Rome to another successively, so that through the whole course of the year the faithful should be able to visit somewhere their Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament exposed to public veneration, and should embrace the occasion of pouring forth their prayers day and night before Him, and of craving His mercy in their necessities. The same Holy Pontiff conceded moreover many indulgences to all the faithful who should pray devoutly before the Most Holy Sacrament thus exposed. Pope Paul V. (May 10, A. D. 1606) con-

firmed the same, and made them perpetual.

Indulgences.

THE indulgences which may be gained by the faithful during this pious devotion of the Forty Hours, are as follows:

1. A *Plenary* Indulgence to those who, after Confession and Holy Communion, devoutly visit for a becoming space of time the church where the Most Holy Sacrament is exposed.

2. A *Partial* Indulgence of ten years and as many quarantines to those who visit the church in which the Most Holy Sacrament is exposed, with a firm resolution to make a good confession, to be

gained every time they make such visit. Both these indulgences may be applied by way of suffrage to the souls in Purgatory, according to the rescript of Pius VIII., May 12, A. D. 1817. Besides all these spiritual favors, all the altars of the church in which the Forty Hours are celebrated are declared privileged during the celebration of this pious exercise.

Order of the Exercises.

FIRST DAY.—The Holy Sacrifice of Mass having been celebrated, according to the form prescribed in Appendix I. of the Ceremonial, p. 406, the Most Holy Sacrament is incensed, and the procession is made. During

the procession the "Pange lingua gloriosi" is sung as far as "Tantum Ergo" exclusively. When the procession is finished, the Most Holy Sacrament is placed on the throne, and the chanters intone the "Tantum Ergo." At "Genitori Genitoque" the Most Holy Sacrament is again incensed by the celebrant. "Panem de Cœlo" is not said, but all on their knees sing the Litanies as usual with the Psalm and versicles. After which the celebrant, rising, says the Prayers and concludes with the versicles and responses as they are set down. Where it is impossible to make the procession, the Hymn and the Litanies are sung before the Most Holy

Sacrament reposing on the throne. Which is also done in the ceremony of the Reposition, with the necessary changes.

Second Day.—The votive Mass for Peace (pro Pace) is said.

Third Day.—A solemn Mass is celebrated in presence of the Most Holy Sacrament, in which all those things are to be observed which are prescribed in Appendix I. to the Ceremonial.

For the Reposition of the Most Holy Sacrament, the Litanies are sung with the Psalm and versicles as far as “Domine exaudi orationem meam,” etc., inclusive, all being on their knees. Then, after the usual incensing of the Most Holy Sacrament, the Hymn

“Pange lingua” is sung as far as “Tantum Ergo,” exclusively, and the procession is made in the same manner as on the First Day. When the procession is finished and the Most Holy Sacrament replaced on the altar, the “Tantum Ergo” is sung. At “Genitori Genitoque” the Most Holy Sacrament is incensed, and at the end of the hymn the celebrant sings the “Panem de Cœlo,” and lastly the Prayer “Deus qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili,” and the others, which are found immediately after the Litanies. The Devotion is closed by the Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.